

2005

Minutes

The Board met Tuesday January 4, 2005 at 8:00 am, with Wayne Allen, Elvin Hobson, Gary Housholder, and Kenny Nelson present.

Time sheets and checks were signed. Minutes and the financial report were approved as mailed. Plans for the Four States Irrigation Council Annual Meeting were discussed.

Correspondence for the month was read and discussed as follows:

Kimball Banks BOR - Cooperative Agreement IPRC
\$20,200
Philip Reed - service from CW 7.8 lto

Regarding the Philip Reed letter, the Board expressed a willingness to transfer some acres within Mr. Reeds property, to allow for the closing of the lateral. Kenny has corresponded with Mr. Reed and is awaiting a reply of what acres he may want to include.

The Board discussed wages and insurance at this time. It was decided to increase the cost of living raise by 1% to 4%. The increase in the cap on the district's share of the health insurance will be left at 3% as previously approved. The Board also agreed to leave the employees payments towards insurance the same for the entire year regardless of what premiums do in June. Upon Gary's request, Kenny will inquire of Blue Cross and Blue Shield what individual premiums for all employees would be as compared to the group plan.

Plans were made to request bids for one new pickup. Two trucks will be either traded or sold privately.

Plans were made to request bids for chemicals. Intentions will be to apply Direx to the entire district even though water may not be delivered above Lovewell.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:00 am.

Secretary

Minutes

The Board met Monday February 7, 2005, at 8:00 am, with Wayne Allen, Elvin Hobson, and Gary Housholder present.

Time sheets and checks were signed. A thank you note from the employees was read. The Minutes and Financial Report were approved as mailed. The Superintendent gave a report on placing O&M funds in a certificate of deposit to be with drawn later in the year. Kenny also reported the Republic County Appraiser had informed him they will once again this year use dry land values for the irrigators in Republic County considering the water shortage situation. He also said those values will increase slightly around \$3.00 an acre this year. Kenny also reported the transfer acre request of Phil Reed had been forwarded to the Bureau as previously discussed. Lyle Anderson has agreed to pay the owners share of the cost of this transfer from the Bureau.

Correspondence for the month was read and discussed as follows:

- Family Farm Alliance -- membership
- Alice Johns -- meeting on O&M of reservoirs
- Bill Peck -- estimated water supply
- National Council Compensation Ins. - experience modification

The President and Secretary signed a Notice of Election for the upcoming Director election for voting area #3. An election board will be selected and the election will be held at the Courtland Community Building on March 1, 2005. Whereas Wayne Allen is not running for reelection, Kenny reported the new Director will take office when the County Election Officer certifies him or her as the winner and when an Oath of Office has been administered.

Upon the Boards request at the last meeting, Kenny reported he had visited with Blue Cross Blue Shield's consultant regarding the districts health insurance package. Kenny presented the board with a note from the

consultant expressing a willingness to work on a plan as soon as she has our renewal, probably in April. Along with this, Kenny presented the Board a spread sheet showing employees ages and when employees would be eligible for retirement.

At this time, bids for the district's 2005 chemical needs were opened. Simms Fertilizer & Chemical was the low bidder and received the award for Direx, Credit Extra (Roundup), and Oracle (Banvel). Van Diest was the low bidder and received the award for 2,4-D. UAP/Timberland participated but did not receive an award.

Bids were opened for one new pickup. Melton Motors were awarded the bid with a trade for two pickups bid of \$12,289.00. A redemption certificate for \$250 will also be accepted by Melton's. Alexander Motors and Womack Sunshine Ford also participated in the bid.

Kenny gave a follow up report on actions taken after Four States Irrigation Council meetings at Fort Collins Colorado. The IPRC has requested and the Bureau is considering repayment deferments which would span the length of the entire contract and not just the remaining years of the original debt. Kansas Bostwick and Nebraska Bostwick along with the states of Nebraska and Kansas have requested a "2025" grant from the Bureau of Reclamation to install automation at the Guide Rock Diversion Dam. The States have offered to pay a large portion of the cost of the districts share if the grant is accepted. The last item to come from the Four States meetings was a request of Reclamation to set up a meeting with the Corps of Engineers to discuss Harlan County O&M charges.

At this time, rates used to value the use of district equipment were reviewed. These rates had not been changed since 1993. It was decided to increase the heavy equipment rates by 25% and the truck rates by 50% rounding the rates to the nearest \$5/hr.

Kenny explained 3 bridges in Nebraska were being repaired by the County and the district would furnish the material. This is contrary to our usual agreement where we do the work and they furnish the material. This involves sheet pile driving for which we do not have the necessary equipment. This met with Board approval.

A discussion was held on water supply and operations. Lovewell continues to improve and Harlan County while somewhat better than last month, remains critically low.

No patron letter will be sent at this time.

Kenny presented the Board with a paper showing 2004 conservation projects totaling \$310,806 and farmer conservation project totaling \$39,499.00. The paper also showed 13 pivot installations approved in 2004 with 5 currently approved for 2005. Kenny also reported there are 17 application involving district lands for EQIP funds. EQIP awards will be announced in March.

At this time, a report on equipment repairs and work accomplished was given.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:10 am.

Secretary

Minutes

The Board met Wednesday, March 2, 2005 at 8:00 am, with Wayne Allen, Elvin Hobson, Gary Housholder, and Kenny Nelson present. Also present was Brad Peterson.

The first order of business was to review the unofficial results of the election held March 1, for the Director position in Area # 3. Brad Peterson is the Director elect and will replace Wayne Allen who is retiring after 29 years of service.

At this time, an election of officers was held. They are as follows: Elvin Hobson - President; Louis W. Allen - Secretary; and Gary Housholder - Treasurer. Upon certification of election from the County Election Officer and upon taking an Oath of Office, Brad Peterson will assume the Secretary position.

Time sheets and checks were signed. Minutes and the financial report were approved as mailed. Kenny reported the Bureau will be meeting with the crew on 3-3-05 to discuss water control operations. This is part of our

contractual obligation. Kenny also reviewed the purchase of a 1978 International truck with stainless steel tank from Farmway Coop for \$700.00.

Correspondence for the month was read and discussed as follows: Bureau of Reclamation approval of cooperative agreement funds in the amount of \$23,000.00; Marv Swanda 2004 water reports; and Alice Johns cost of transfer for Four A farms.

At this time, a lengthy discussion was held regarding request for deferment of the 2005 Distribution Works payment and the 2005 Water Supply payment to the Bureau of Reclamation. Also the possibility of seeking legislation for 10 extensions of the Distribution Works payments. A request for deferment has already been forwarded to the Bureau and a Resolution requesting the deferment was signed at this meeting. Kenny explained the legislative effort as he understands it. An IPRC meeting at the Bureau Office in Grand Island on March 7, is planned to further discuss the possibility.

Jack Clark's request to pump water from the Ridge Canal at the center point of the pivot in the SW 25-1-6 was approved. Kenny was instructed to inform Clarks of their responsibility to inform the district if the pump has been off so the ditchrider can account for extra water that may be in the canal.

The following transfer acre request were approved by the Bureau of Reclamation: Lawrence Bouray the removal of 80 acres in SE 24-1-6; Four A Farms transfer of 18.9 acres in the NE 32-3-5. A transfer acre request from Dale Stafford in the SW 30-2-4 was reviewed. The transfer would require 6.1 acres from the district bank as presented. The Board suggested redrafting the proposal without additional acres for an end gun to prevent the addition of the bank acres and if acceptable with Staffords, the proposal may be approved.

At this time, a work progress and work planned report was given. The work planned includes a parking lot at Guide Rock which will be allowed as environmental activities and accomplishments from the Contract.

A water supply report was given. Harlan County is at elevation 1926.25 with a slight increasing trend.

Lovewell is at 1577.83 and showing some nice gains at this time. After discussing the supply, and considering the information needs of prevented planting insurance, A patron letter describing the current supply as 0" above Lovewell and 4" below Lovewell, was approved and signed.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:45 am.

Secretary

Minutes

The Board met Tuesday April 5, 2005, at 8:00 am, with Elvin Hobson, Gary Housholder, Brad Peterson, and Kenny Nelson present. Time sheets and checks were signed. The Minutes and financial report were approved as mailed.

Plans were made to attend a meeting with the Corps of Engineers, Bureau of Reclamation, Bostwick Irrigation District of Nebraska, and Kansas Bostwick on April 19 at the Harlan County COE office at the dam. The purpose of the meeting will be to discuss safety of dams and operations and maintenance cost.

Kenny gave a report on his recent trip to Berthoud, Colorado as Four States Kansas Director. Plans were made for the summer tour and topics for the January Annual Meeting.

Correspondence for the month consisted of a letter from Alice Johns to the Irrigation Projects Reauthorization Council regarding financial alternatives available to the districts during this time of short supply.

Dennis Erkenback made an appearance before the Board to complain about drainage from the northeast corner of the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ 33-1-5 which he rents from the Elliott family. He contends the turnout pipe which delivers water from the end of Ridge Lateral 2.6 to the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ 33-1-5 (also Elliott property) was constructed in such a way that it forms a plug in the drain and that the district needs to change the construction to avoid drainage problems on the NW $\frac{1}{4}$. He also has recently rented the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ and is looking to install a pump from the turnout. It was Dennis's opinion that the district should change the turnout at no expense to him. No agreement was reached on what, if anything, to do or who should pay. Kenny will review the matter further and contact Dennis when a clearer idea on a design and cost can be reached.

Kenny explained the progress of our legislative effort and handed out a draft bill from Lee Orton to Fran Boyd our lobbyist. Kenny also explained the Bureau had agreed, assuming our deferment request is met, the payments will be equalized with the majority of the cost going to the last year payment.

A report of the discussions between the crew members and the Superintendent, was given to the Board. Kenny handed the Board a copy of the Personnel Regulations with suggested changes and updates. The Board will review the Regulations for further action at the next regular meeting. Kenny explained Ron Fredrickson intends to retire at the end of January 2006 after 44 years of service. In other matters relating to the crew, Kenny has learned the health insurance package from Blue Cross and Blue Shield is scheduled to increase in June. The district is undergoing the "reentry" process to see if savings could be realized for the group.

At this time, Regulations Governing Irrigation Service were reviewed for updates and changes. These will also be reviewed during the month and discussed again at the next

regular meeting. Several concepts for future operations and reorganization were discussed with no action taken at this time.

Transfer Acre Request for Dale Stafford with changes suggested at the last Board Meeting, was approved and sent to the Bureau of Reclamation last month. Kenny reported a number of irrigators had been approved for EQIP funding for pivot installation. Several will require transfer acre request and several will require some construction to make them workable.

Kenny reviewed a request from Denny Lauritzen to consider the burial of a portion on Courtland West 1.4 Lateral as part of an EQIP project. The proposal Kenny presented would have the Tebow family owners of the SW 6-3-5, contribute app. \$8,000 with the remainder being picked up by conservation funds from Reclamation and the district. The Board agreed the Tebows should contribute closer to \$12,000 and then we would be willing to schedule the project for fall construction.

A discussion was held regarding water supply. Harlan County is at elevation 1927.18 which is .74 higher than last month. Lovewell is 1579.93 which is 2.10' higher than last month.

At this time, with no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:45 am.

Secretary

Minutes

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The Board met Thursday May 5, 2005 at 8:00 am, with Elvin Hobson, Gary Housholder, Brad Peterson, and Kenny Nelson present.

Time sheets and checks were signed. Minutes and the financial report were approved as mailed. A copy of the audit from W. Rex Woods was handed out for board review.

Correspondence for the month consisting of the following was read and discussed:

Don Alice Johns - cost of transfers for Joe Stenson &
Mikesell
request to Tracy Streeter - draft drought assistance and
Bureau
Courtland Alice Johns to Mike Clements rural water line
Canal and drains Nebraska.
share Alice Johns - Corps of Engineers O&M cost and our
Randal Jackson BOR - reject 2025 grant request

Regarding Corps of Engineers O&M cost, Kansas Bostwick is paying 60% of the 15.35% irrigators share and Nebraska Bostwick 40%. This is based upon a total use by irrigation calculation conducted by the Bureau. Whereas irrigation is occurring below Lovewell and none from Harlan County, Kansas Bostwick will be paying a very large share of the Harlan County O&M with no releases. Steve Ronshaugen has suggested a meeting between the two districts and the Bureau on this topic and water splits probably in June. The board agreed such a meeting would be in order.

At this time, the board approved the Personnel Regulations as modified at last months regular meeting. In other employee action, the board agreed to allow a 21.6% reduction in the employees insurance premiums and to lower the cap by equal dollar amounts. This will be effective when the new rates take effect. Other personnel matters were discussed and Kenny was instructed to consider reorganization options following upcoming retirements.

Regulations Governing Irrigation Service were modified following last months review and discussion and accepted. The regulations will be mailed out this spring. Regarding

this years operations, they will be very similar to last years. Water transfers following the policy established last year will once again be in effect in 2005. Beginning restrictions, will not be announced until after the first of June. Beginning and ending dates, will be set as those periods draw nearer. Consideration of a change in base supply was discussed with no decision being made.

Kenny reported the Tebow family has agreed to contribute \$11,000 towards the pipe line project across their farm on Courtland West 1.4 Lateral. Kenny will review the possibility of burying the Lateral across Lonny and Doug Swansons farm as part of the project. Plans will be made to construct at least the Tebow part of the project this fall.

Kenny reviewed an April 20 letter he had sent Dennis Erkenback regarding a "drainage" problem he identified on the Elliott farm which he rents. No response from Dennis at this time.

A discussion was held and informational sheets handed out regarding our efforts for legislation to extend our payments within our contract. Kenny will most likely have to testify to congressional committees on the legislation.

A transfer acre Agreement regarding the transfer of acres from one legal description to another for Donald Mikesell was approved and signed.

A report was given on water supply as follows: Harlan County 1928.40 + 1.22' from last month; Lovewell 1582.18 + 2.25' from last month and .42' below the flood pool. We have obtained permission from the Corps of Engineers to use 1.6' of the flood pool for irrigation storage.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:00 am.

Secretary

Minutes

The Board met Tuesday June 7, 2005 at 8:00 AM, with Elvin Hobson, Gary Housholder, Brad Peterson, and Kenny Nelson present.

Time sheets and checks were signed. The Minutes and financial report were approved as mailed. Plans were made to attend a meeting on Harlan County O&M with Nebraska Bostwick on July 12, at Red Cloud, Ne.

Correspondence for the month was read and discussed as follows:

Steve Ronshaugen - annual reports to the Bureau by contract
Mike Kube - approval of TAP for Dale Stafford and Phill Reed
Marv Swanda - inspection planned for 6-28

An Agreement between Four A farms, Phill Reed, and Phyllis Budden regarding closing of Courtland West 7.8 Lateral was approved and signed.

The following Transfer acre request were reviewed and approved:

Walter Boyles Trust NW 10-3-5, 11.4 acres from the bank along with an Agreement regarding lateral crossing.
Victor Hurtig NW 36-3-5 with 17.2 acres transferred from 27-3-5.
Norman Sankey E½ SE 36-1-5 no bank acres.

A License for rural water lines along the Courtland Canal in Nebraska was approved and signed and will be returned to the Bureau in Grand Island for further

processing.

At this time water supply was discussed. A patron letter was approved stating we remain with no releases planned from Harlan County and are now setting a 6" restriction from Lovewell. The letter also informed the patrons that we intend to allow water transfers based upon the 2004 policy which require a form to be filed in the district office.

Kenny explained the need to change our legislative effort for relief from annual payments from a 10 year extension plan to a evening out plan over the remaining term of the contract. This met with Board approval and the other districts involved will need to sign off on the change before legislation can be introduced.

Kenny informed the Board the Fiat shredder tractor was broke down. It was decided to trade for a newer model if the deal can be made.

Work has began on the 2006 Budget.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:45 AM.

Secretary

Minutes

The Board met Wednesday July 6, 2005 at 10:00 am, with Elvin Hobson, Gary Housholder, Brad Peterson, and Kenny Nelson present.

Time sheets and checks were signed. Minutes and the financial report were approved as mailed. Plans were made and a draft agenda was read for a meeting with the Bureau and Nebraska Bostwick in Red Cloud on the 12th of July. Kenny informed the board that the Bureau had appointed Mike Ryan as Regional Director in Billings Montana.

Correspondence for the month was read and discussed as follows: Marv Swanda - available water supply from Harlan; Alice Johns - 2006 O&M budget estimates; Alice Johns - cost of transfers Dale Stafford and Phill Reed; Bill Peck 2 e-mails regarding Harlan County supply and possible use; and Susan Lee - Drought assistance from KWO through the Bureau of Reclamation.

The 2006 Budget and Assessment was reviewed and accepted as follow: O&M Budget of \$941,750; Repayment Budget of 0 considering deferment; O&M Assessment Below Lovewell, \$22.00/acre class #1, \$21.25/acre class #2,

\$21.00/acre class #3, and \$20.75/acre class #4. Above Lovewell \$10.00/acre for all land classes; No assessment for Repayment. These are the same charges as in 2005.

Kenny reported our legislative effort for Distribution works and water supply payment relief is waiting for final drafting of a bill by Congressman Moran and Senator Roberts Office. Kenny also reported our request for 2005 deferment of payments is still not approved. He recently sent correspondence to Reclamation encouraging the granting of the deferment.

At this time, water supply was discussed. Kenny reported the operation from Lovewell was pretty much on target for the 6" delivery and 6 week watering season which we have previously predicted. Kenny reported on the delivery of flood water from a large rain in the Franklin Nebraska area on June 16. A discussion was held on the merits of making or not making a release from Harlan County to deliver above Lovewell. It was decided the supply was unmanageable and no release would be made at this time.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:45 am.

Secretary

Minutes

The Board met Monday August 8, 2005, at 10:00 am, with Elvin Hobson, Gary Housholder, Brad Peterson, and Kenny Nelson present.

The Equalization Hearings were opened at 10:00 and closed with no one in attendance. Resolutions adopting the budget and Certifications of Assessments were approved and signed.

Kenny presented the board with packets for the upcoming Four States Summer Tour.

Correspondence for the month was read and discussed as follows:

Alice Johns - 2006 O&M cost
Mike Ryan - Power Rate Adjustment
Tracy Streeter, Kansas Water Office - Agreement
for drought
assistance
Mike Ryan - response to welcome
Alice Johns - notes of the 7-12 meeting with
Nebraska
Bostwick Irrigation District

At this time, a discussion was held regarding operations and a shut off date. It was agreed the shut off date will be August 22. It was also discussed and agreed to start refill of Lovewell from the River as soon as possible. No deliveries will be made above Lovewell this fall unless a substantial rain event occurs which would allow limited deliveries above Lovewell.

An Agreement with Estaline Bouray was signed and will be recorded.

Kenny explained Wilmer Bouray's request for a tube crossing in the SE 23-1-6. It was agreed to split the cost of a 24" tube with the landowner.

Work projects for the fall were discussed.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:45 am.

Secretary

Minutes

The Board met Thursday September 8, 2005 at 8:00 am, with Elvin Hobson, Gary Housholder, Brad Peterson, and Kenny Nelson present.

Time sheets and checks were signed. Minutes and the

financial report were approved as mailed.

Kenny reported on the Four States summer tour which he recently attended. The next Four States directors meeting will be October 13 in Fort Collins.

Kenny reported the IPRC effort to pass legislation for relief from our repayment charges was mired down in Senator Robert's and Congressman Moran's office. He remains hopeful to have companion bills introduced in time for the hearings now scheduled for October.

A report was given on work progress, work planned, and equipment repairs.

The final action of the meeting was a report on the end of watering season and current water supply.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:30 am.

Secretary

Minutes

The Board met Thursday October 6, 2005 at 8:00 am,

with Elvin Hobson, Gary Housholder, Brad Peterson, and Kenny Nelson present.

Time sheets and checks were signed. Kenny informed the Board of preliminary results from the fish sampling at Lovewell to determine fish lost from the reservoir to the canal. Correspondence for the month consisting of the following, was read and discussed: Steve Ronshaugen - closure of 2004 RRA review; Steve Ronshaugen - five year review of ability to pay, no change in ability; Alice Johns - notes of meeting in Red Cloud between Kansas Bostwick, Bostwick of Nebraska; and the Bureau; Allen Von Fange - adjust office roof.

At this time, Alice Johns, Steve Ronshaugen, and Marv Swanda met with the board on several topics. First and foremost, was to hand deliver Amendment #2 to our Contract with the Bureau deferring our 2005 repayment charges and proclaiming Bureau cost for conducting operations and maintenance examinations, inspections, and audits, and preparing associated reports and recommendations, shall be nonreimbursable. The Board reviewed the Amendment and agreed to the terms. A Resolution accepting the Amendment and the Amendment itself were signed and returned to the Bureau for the Regional Directors signature. Next, the Bureau informed the Board of their discussions with the Corps of Engineers (COE) regarding safety of dams issues at Harlan County. The COE has asked the Bureau to be a "cooperating agency" in the safety of dams issue. The district encouraged the Bureau to become a cooperator and to protect our interest in so doing. Marv Swanda reviewed with the Board the maintenance needs from the field review this summer. The Bureau delegation departed at 10:45 am.

Kenny discussed the progress of our legislation for repayment relief due to the continuing drought and lack of supplies in the reservoirs. Companion bills are hoped to be introduced this week in both the House and Senate. It is hoped to move the bill quickly without opposition.

A second request to meet with the COE to discuss O&M at Harlan County was mailed on September 15. No reply as of this date.

It was agreed to nominate Arnold Ross for this years Headgate award during the 4-States Annual meeting January 11,12,&13 in Fort Collins, Colorado. Kenny as the Kansas Director will attend the fall meeting on October 13 to make arrangements for the Annual meeting.

Kenny discussed the idea of selling the districts John

Deere 450 track loader with hoe and using the proceeds to purchase a skid steer loader and a trailer. This would be an effort to upgrade our equipment line to more usable items without spending annual assessments. The Board instructed Kenny to purchase equipment which could have multi use if possible and proceed with the plan.

Progress on Courtland West 1.4 buried pipeline was reported and work will be ongoing on the project.

Kenny expressed his opinion that a new employee will have to be hired to replace Ron Fredrikson when he retires in January. Plans will continue to combine rides in the future but with the need to deliver water to the best of our ability above Lovewell if the opportunity arises, we will need as many crew members as possible and not less than we currently have.

Water supply for the month was reviewed.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:30 am.

Secretary

Minutes

The Board met Tuesday November 8, 2005, at 8:00 am,

with Elvin Hobson, Gary Housholder, Brad Peterson, and Kenny Nelson present.

Time sheets and checks were signed. Minutes from the previous meeting and the financial report were approved as mailed.

Correspondence for the month was read and discussed as follows:

Alice Johns - water rights transfer N. Sankey, V. Hurtig,
Boyles Trust
Alice Johns - balance of cost of transfers
Mike Ryan - RRA status
Mike Ryan - administration of RRA out of region
Alice Johns - Jw. Co. rural water crossing agreement
Col. Rossi, COE - meeting on O&M at Harlan County
Steve Ronshaugen - parking lot Guide Rock
Alice Johns - scholarships for workshops
James Hunt - insurance claim roof

At this time the Board departed for a tour of various sites within the district. While on tour, the board discussed crew salaries and will table those discussions until the next month.

The Board discussed the possibility of applying for 2025 funds for conservation purposes. Kenny will have to begin the process to apply for these funds within the month.

Kenny reported the IPRC legislation for evening out of repayment charges had been introduced in both the House of Representatives and the Senate.

A report on water supply was given.

With no further business, the meeting and the tour adjourned at 12:30 pm.

Secretary

Minutes

The Board met Tuesday December 6, 2005, at 8:00 am, with Elvin Hobson, Gary Housholder, Brad Peterson, and Kenny Nelson present.

Time sheets and checks were signed. Minutes from the previous meeting and the financial report were approved as mailed. A discussion was held on progress of legislation for repayment relief. Kenny presented the board with HR 4000, S 1962, and written testimony in support of the legislation for the upcoming hearing.

Correspondence for the month was read and discussed as follows:

EMC Insurance - \$21,261 dividend.
Alice Johns - estimated cost to repair or replace
WREX pipe
Mike Delka - 4-States meetings Jan 11,12,13
Alice Johns - Meetings with Regional Director at
4-States

Regarding correspondence, the board discussed the possibility of challenge grant 2025 funds for projects like the WREX tube and others. Applications for these funds will have to be filed in the not to distant future. Regarding 4-States meetings, meetings with the Regional Directors office will probably be scheduled regarding repayment and Corps of Engineers O&M charges.

The Board set values to be used in the 2005 crops census.

A discussion was held regarding recent meetings and correspondence regarding the Republican River Settlement and Nebraska's efforts to live up to the terms. The district needs to consider future arrangements in the case water would be made available for the 2006 watering season.

Employee wages for 2006 were discussed. It was decided to allow a 3% cost of living increase. Kenny will prepare the wage scale for next months meeting.

The following transfer acre request were reviewed and approved:

Robert Watson 22-2-6 9.7 acres from the bank part of 41.4 pipe project.
Andy Thompson SW 11-3-5 2.7 acres from bank EQIP pivot installation.

Future transfers which have not been requested at this time were for Wilmer & Brad Bouray regarding Meyers and Perry ground were discussed. This transfer would eliminate a troubled delivery off 3.9 lateral North Canal and appeared favorable pending an actual request. Another transfer discussed would be for the Aurands family and involves land from 31.1 lateral in the NE 3-2-6 to the NW 21-1-5 on the North Canal. This would be a positive trade and would also appear favorable pending a request to transfer.

Kenny gave a work progress report and water supply report. With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:00 am.

Secretary