

MINUTES

The Board met Tuesday November 6, 2007 at 8:00 A.M., with Gary Housholder Brad Peterson, Monty Dahl, and Kenny Nelson present.

Time sheets and checks were signed; the Minutes and Financial Report were approved as mailed.

An individual from the USDA Rural Development program met with the Board to explain possible funding for pivot installations or motor conversions to more efficient ones. After listening to the presentation, the Board agreed to include an article in the next newsletter informing the irrigators of the program and how.

Correspondence for the month was read and discussed as follows:
Beverly Howard – Rural Development to meet with Board

Kenny informed the Board of the 4-States Directors meeting held on the 19th of October in Fort Collins. The Annual Meeting will be 1-16, 17, & 18 in Fort Collins. Plans were made to attend.

Aaron Popelka of Congressman Moran's office informed Kenny he had moved forward with a request to the Bureau's bill drafting service to prepare a bill to give the two Bostwicks financial relief from O&M charges at Harlan County. Once the bill is prepared, Aaron will have it "scored" by the Congressional Budget Office.

Charlie Joy Republic County Road Supervisor reports progress with a plan to replace the canal bridge on Nickel Road west of Ken Petersons, with an 8' squash tube. The District will contribute half the cost of the tube, and riprap the edges. The county will furnish the other half the cost of the tube, install, fill, and place guardrail on the crossing.

At this time Kenny handed the Board salaries from 2007 to review for consideration of 2008 salaries. The issue will be addressed at the next Board meeting. The Board was also informed a meeting with a KEPRS representative and the district will be conducted 12-18 to discuss possible avenues for employees to work for the district after KPERS retirement. It would be desirable to set up a policy beneficial to both parties.

A report was given on progress of 2025 laterals. Lateral 23.3 is current under construction. Kenny reports more positive discussions but still needing to work out some issues with Bernie Leece regarding the lateral across his property.

The following Transfer Acre Request were signed as approved by the Board last month: Ward Aurand 21-1-5; Clay Aurand 24-1-6; Eugene Spitler 32-2-5; and Myrna Teitjen 5-2-5. All of these transfers involve even trade of acres and do not involve the district's banked acres and allow for pivot irrigation.

Hess Services from Hays began work on repairing the White Rock Extension tube across the river. More deterioration was detected in the tube than was expected. Additional patching will drive up the cost of the project.

An explanation of the Regional Water Enhancement Program under the EQIP program in the Farm Bill was given. Aaron Popelka with Congressman Moran's office is to review this for us.

A discussion was held regarding controversy regarding payments to irrigators from the Frenchman Cambridge and Frenchman Valley Irrigation District for water diverted to Kansas Bostwick. A lawsuit has been filed challenging the law allowing the money to be collected within the Republican Basin. This could have an impact on future effort to deliver water from surface water sources.

Kenny explained we would have to control the noxious weed phragmites in the Guide Rock Diversion Dam area.

The Board was informed a backflow valve has been installed and inspected at our water drop to comply with state regulations.

A discussion was held regarding our dump truck needs; Kenny will gather more information before proceeding.

Kenny explained he had sent the cities of Courtland and Scandia a letter stating our sewer cleaner machine will no longer be available to clean their drains.

A report was given on water supply. Currently 62,000 af are available to Kansas Bostwick Irrigation District in Harlan County and 45,000 af available to Bostwick of Nebraska.

Plans were made to incorporate a tour into the next Board Meeting on 12-4-07.

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

Secretary

