

MINUTES

The Board met Tuesday June 7, 2011 at 8:00 A.M., with Gary Housholder, Brad Peterson, Monty Dahl and Kenny Nelson present.

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

Correspondence for the month was read and discussed as follows:

Leisa Philbin – Cooperative Agreement WaterSMART

Aaron Thompson – 2012 estimated O&M charges

Leisa Philbin – Grant Officer Technical Representative Jack Wergin

Kenny explained problems he was having getting updated in the Commercial Contractors Registry a requirement to receive grant funding.

A 23 May letter to Aaron Thompson regarding his proposal to move the Grand Island Office to McCook was read to the Board. Kansas Bostwick raised an objection and requested to have a voice in any decision that may be made. A copy was sent to other Districts as well. This met with Board approval.

The Board was presented a copy of the 2010 Conservation Report as presented to the Bureau for contract compliance. The report showed the pipelines buried, pivots installed, and other improvements such as metered turnouts installed as well as the cost of the projects. It is a tool to measure improved efficiency.

Kenny reported working on the 2012 Budget, which will be presented for Board approval next month. As part of the Budget, he proposed to make an employment offer to Krystal Mosher of \$25,000/yr as Assistant Office Manager. He proposes to hire her in September if possible. This met with Board approval.

Lonnie Hedstrom presented a request for tile drainage on pastureland in the S1/2 19-2-5. He has received permission from the USDA to break and farm. After some discussion, it was agreed to furnish him tile if he would install it. Otherwise, he will be put on a waiting list.

A discussion was held regarding watering season. We will start the season with a 15" limitation and allow extra water purchases if conditions merit. Transfers from owners to tenants will be allowed under the district's current policy. Transfers from above to below Lovewell or from below to above Lovewell will not be allowed. We will start the watering season as soon as there is demand and the system is prepared. No patron letter will be sent; ditchriders will be instructed to inform the users.

The water supply report finds Lovewell at 4.2' in the flood pool and Harlan County at 1.49' in the flood pool. The Corps of Engineers has ordered flood releases shut off at both reservoirs because of flooding on the Missouri River.

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

Secretary

