

## MINUTES

The Board met Tuesday May 7, 2013 at 8:00 A.M. with Gary Housholder, Brad Peterson, Monty Dahl, Doug Simms and Kenny Nelson present.

The first order of business was to discuss the current efforts to shut off releases from Harlan County Lake, started by the State of Nebraska for compact compliance purposes. Kenny passed out correspondence between the State of Kansas and Nebraska developing a time line of events leading up to and through Nebraska's order to the Bureau of Reclamation to release water from the Lake. Kenny sent a proposal to the State of Nebraska on May 3, 2013 defining an effort Kansas Bostwick would agree to which would (1) get the release shut off, (2) agree to use project water first (3) agree to take water to Lovewell after irrigation season And (4) consider the possibility of carry over water at a later date. Nebraska responded positively to the proposal and asked the Bureau of Reclamation to consider it. Reclamation insists Kansas Bostwick must have a Warren Act contract with Reclamation to store water for our purposes. At the time of this meeting no contract was available but efforts to create an acceptable contract are ongoing. The Board has taken action to approve a contract. Upon receipt of the contract and agreement to the terms the Board is prepared to accept it. Several "what if" scenarios were discussed in preparation for action if the contract is favorable. At this time, Doug Simms left the meeting.

Timesheets and checks were signed. Minutes from the previous meeting including Minutes of the special meeting on April 30, and the financial report were approved as mailed.

Correspondence for the month was read and discussed as follows:

- Jeremy Bergling – actual O&M for 2012 H. Co. COE
- Marlanne Simpson – Bureau of Reclamation to Corps of Engineers district contracts
- Bill Peck – 2013 operations during watering season
- Craig Scott to Corps of Engineers - preparation for 2013 season
- Brian Dunnigan and David Barfiled correspondence

At this time, a discussion was held regarding Harlan County O&M charges for tainter gate repairs at Harlan County. The District awaits a reply from Col. Hoffman regarding correspondence sent to them on April 8. Further action will be necessary to resolve this matter satisfactorily.

The following Transfer Acre Request were reviewed and approved:

- James Zoltenko Trust 14-1-6 to 11-1-6 SE ¼, Merrill Gunn Trust N1/2 SE ¼ 32-1-5, Larry Hobson Revocable Trust W1/2 NE 1/4 26-3-5, J Gordon Stoffer Trust NW 19-2-4 & N ½ NE ¼ 19-2-4

All transfers are for the installation of center pivot irrigation. No banked acres are involved.

The Blue Cross & Blue Shield insurance will increase 8% in June. Following last years policy change, the employees hired before 2006 who share in the premium cost will pay 10% of their policy premium in January. This charge will be in effect for 12 months regardless of changes in June of 2014. Those changes will become effective in January of 2015.