

Bostwick Irrigation District Water Lease Vote
Red Cloud Community Center
142 West 3rd Street
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Walt Kneehans - Introduction
Rod Elly Jim Miller Lee Orton

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Basic compact outline UWS & CU etc.
Settlement did not change compact, but
it did change computational methods 15-yr. avg.
~~1) Combined sub-basin allocations into state wide~~ 2) Combined sub-basin
allocations into state wide

Water Short Year challenge - Today's topic
2006 reduction in CU

2003+2004 were over, but 2005-2007 can balance
2005+2006 will be averaged for WSP out
2005 showed less use by irrigators & it is appreciated
15" lease for 1 yr. will help
CREP & EOTY hopefully will continue
Riparian Vegetation Management - Thornburn
Import water from Platte Basin will be studied
Buying SW is quickest way to provide water
to KS & reduce Nebraska's CU

10/18 AF & Natural Flow at Guide Rock - \$2.5 million

\$64,500 to assist OAH

Money is not appropriated yet.
If passed - \$ in July
one-time purchase this year

Will continue to work with NRDS + push
for additional \$ to retire more acres on
a voluntary basis

Marv Swanda - handout

2 HCL supply documents

① Concensus Plan COE - USBR
shut off elevation

② NBID, KBID, USBR Agreement

January estimate - ^{projected} supply est. w/ shut off

2006 - 1932.26 ^{same projection} 1930.5 shut off

15,700 AF Emrg. Supply

1928.9 today's elevation

June - compute final shut off

District Apportionment detailed procedures
that controls the split between

Jan. Est.

10,118 AF NBID

5,570 AF KBID

Will not alter accounting procedures because
of this deal if it goes through

If passed by qualified electors the board would make a motion to disperse \$ to assessed owners

\$71 per acre-inch

\$1.70 to cover extra costs (per acre)

Q? Mike Clements - EQIP + CREP lands receive \$ too?
Answer - Yes

Della We would retain extra water over the 1.5 inches for next year or could run

Q + A - when would we know about \$

March 27th - 50th day of Legislature

Jim Miller
Board will not deliver the 1.5" if that is all that is available

Assessed vs water right

Nelson - What is total supply that 1.5" is a part of? It is up to RMA + insurance question or what?
Trambly

Q? Is this setting a precedent for selling water into the future

Q Will Nebraska get credit on evap.?

A we don't anticipate changes in compact accounting

How did state get to \$2.5 million?

Cookson: Variety of measures looked at

Irrig. vs dryland rental rates

O + M charges

PP averaging

Other interstate values compare favorably

Dr. Ray Supalla mentioned by Cookson

CREP comparison

Water optimizer

Rhetorical question about \$15 million potential fine
There is a potential for another court round,
but we have been reducing CU already,
we should be able to avoid litigation as long
as continues to ~~act~~ in good faith

This deal ^{is} one piece in a much bigger puzzle.

Senior Water Diversion question - administration
will be conducted as if NE Bastwick were
calling for water

What about wells - payment even if they pump?
This deal has no effect on LRNRD Imp

Irrigated Base -

Look at actual annual practice - if it is dry - the payments will be dry

CREP boundary change - feds. said no

More acres can be applied for in Republican

EQIP funding ran out

Tax ^{base} ~~base~~ - will assessors charge assessments
- do you want to continue your irrigated base?

Mike Clements - ^{out of} 10,118 AF - what is the total number benefit - (evap etc)

It is a combination of increase of allocation + reduced consumptive use in NE

Angry Irrigator Wants a renegotiation of District ~~Contract~~
Contract - Mike Delka explained the origin of formation of District + incurring debt. It is outside scope of current issues
Lee Orton - repayment of federal debt is a statutory obligation

Ann Bleed - \$5000 will be added by MRNRD to assist in SW buy-out.

Map process - when done? USBR will finish its fee-title
Walt - Voting process explained ^{review}

172 For

14 Against

3 abstain