

## MINUTES

The Board met Thursday May 4, 2006 with Gary Housholder, Monty Dahl, and Kenny Nelson present. Brad Peterson was absent.

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

Correspondence for the month was read and discussed as follows:

Steve Ronshaugen reporting requirements from Contract  
Congressman Moran thank you letter from conservation tour  
Corps of Engineers Public meeting in Franklin  
David Pope support for 2025 fund request

Kenny explained recent conversations with Fran Boyd and Sara McPherson indicate S. 1962 is scheduled for Committee action on May 17 and should then go to the Senate floor under unanimous consent.

The Board agreed to switch BC and BS insurance plans to the Blue Choice Shared Pay Comprehensive Triple Option as offered by Kelly Davert BC – BS Consultant. The Board agreed to refund Phill Esslinger up to \$750 towards shared pay charges other than drugs, between June and December to help him with the transition to the new plan whereas he would have been 100% covered under the old plan. The Board also stipulated if any other employee gets caught with a large deductible before the transition, some compensation may also be considered.

Kenny explained the 2025 challenge grant proposal which he presented to the Bureau for a total of \$1.1 million. The Bureau will grant up to \$300,000 which must be met by at least \$300,000 by the District.

The following Transfer Acre request were reviewed and approved:

Mark Chapman NE & SE ¼ 17-3-5, 13.2 acres to the bank  
Marvin Bergstrom SW 33-2-5 and NW 32-25 25.5 acres from the bank  
Janet Suminski SE 23-1-6 and W½SE¼ 19-1-5 even trade

All of the above transfers are for conversion to pivot irrigation.

Jon Anderson of Superior has been hired as a full time employee of the district. Kenny discussed the need to hire another full time employee. This met with Board approval.

A draft Agreement with Robison farms allowing them to use our pipeline on the White Rock Extension during the off season was considered. The Board asked what would happen if the pipe was to fill with sand from these operations. Also a concern was

would this open the door to other more complicated request? Further action on this Agreement was tabled.

Kenny reported on his recent trip to Berthoud as a Director of 4-States Irrigation Council. He reported the need to pick a Headgate Award nominee for the January meeting and reported the Council plans to advertise in farm journals and on the radio in an effort to increase attendance from the irrigators.

Upon Steve Ronshaugens request, a discussion was held regarding residency of the house at Guide Rock. Kenny will send Steve a letter stating we no longer plan to use it as a residence but would want to leave the option to once again have a residence there if necessary in the future.

A report was given on work progress and water supply.

Kenny reported having sent for \$39,000 work of cooperative agreement funds for CW 1.4, CW 0.3- 1.3, and Ridge 5.0 projects.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:15 am.