

MINUTES

The Board met Friday September 8, 2006 at 8:00 am, with Gary Housholder, Brad Peterson, Monty Dahl, and Kenny Nelson present.

The first order of business was to sign signature cards for the four banks presently being used by the district.

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

Correspondence for the month was reviewed as follows:

- Alice Johns BOR – Easement to Doug Swanson for C.W. 1.4 pipeline
- Kimball Banks BOR – Modification for conservation funds
- Steve Ronshaugen BOR – Kansas Department of Wildlife & Parks request the Bureau to study the feasibility of using the canal system for off season diversions to Jamestown State Lake

Kenny reported on the Status of HR 4000 with continued hopes for passage within a short period of time.

A report was given on the watering season above and below Lovewell Reservoir. Deliveries above Lovewell will reach or exceed 4"/acre for most irrigators. Those who refused the service when it was offered to them or those who had a good deal of transfer water may not reach this mark for all of their irrigated acres. Below Lovewell deliveries ended with nearly everyone using the 6"/acre which was the restriction. Only a minimal amount (app. 1/4") of deliverble water remained in the reservoir at the end of the season.

Kenny reported that he and Don had met with Steve Ronshaugen and a Washington D. C. representative of the Bureau of Reclamation regarding the Bureau's "Managing for Excellence" initiative. The D. C. representative wanted to know if the Bureau was doing a satisfactory job of explaining their O&M charges, which are assessed to the districts? Kenny reported good communication and satisfaction with this aspect at this time. Steve and Kenny impressed upon the D. C. representative our biggest issue was with the Corps of Engineers charges at Harlan County and something must be done to address those charges.

Kenny reported on recent discussions with Jeff Sothers to purchase a skid steer loader. Funds remaining for surplus items sold this spring will cover the majority of this purchase. The Board gave Kenny permission to spend \$24 – 25,000 dollars to purchase a machine.

A report on water supply was given with Harlan County being slightly below the irrigation pool and Lovewell having only a minimal amount of storage in the irrigation pool at this time.

A plan to bury laterals this fall was reviewed with the Board. The district currently has \$27,600 of conservation funds available from the Bureau of Reclamation which needs to be dedicated to projects this fall. The plan includes North Canal Laterals 1.2, 1.9, and 3.5 as well as Miller Canal 8.3. If Kenny can work out agreement with the irrigators involved, these projects will be scheduled.

At this time (9:00 am), the meeting adjourned to go on a Board Tour. Items to observe on the tour include the above-mentioned laterals, the requested study mentioned in correspondence for diversions to Jamestown State Lake, Robisons request to use White Rock Extension pipeline for off season diversions, and repair of the White Rock Extension Flume across the river.

Secretary