

MINUTES

The Board met Thursday January 4, 2007 at 8:00 am, with Gary Housholder, Brad Peterson, Monty Dahl, and Kenny Nelson present.

Time sheets and checks were signed. Minutes and the financial report were approved as mailed. Kenny read an editorial from the Salina Journal by Randall Weller regarding Kenny's letter to the Kansas Water Office regarding economic development policy being proposed by the Kansas Water Office. Mr. Weller misinterpreted the letter and was very critical of irrigation. No response will be made to the editorial at this time.

Following the purchase of the skid steer loader last fall, the board set a custom value of \$20/hr for the machine. They also adjusted the New Holland tractor to \$20/hr and raised the pickup mileage rate to \$.35/mile.

Correspondence for the month was read and discussed as follows:

- Steve Ronshaugen – Bureau review of Kansas Bostwick Irrigation District
- Marvin Swanda – 2006 water use records
- Steve Ronshaugen – Scholarships to attend workshops
- Alice Johns – Opportunity to meet with Regional Director at 4-States

At this time, Steve Gunn met with the Board regarding operations above Lovewell in 2006. After much discussion and explanation of 2006 operations, Steve thanked the Board and departed.

Scott Hoard met with the board to offer his service to provide fuel to the district. After Scott departed, it was decided to call Scott and Farmway Coop when fuel is needed and let the lowest bidder fill the tanks at that time.

Next on the agenda were salaries for 2007. It was decided to allow a 3% (\$.34/hr) cost of living increase and the suggested merit raises.

Plans were made to attend the 4-States Irrigation Council Annual Meeting in Fort Collins Colorado on Jan. 17, 18, & 19.

Kenny explained that Hess Services Inc. had further explained their bid to blast and paint the White Rock Extension tube across the river. With further review from Reclamation, Kenny will try to get on Hess Services schedule for a spring time frame.

Work progress and planned work was discussed.

Repairs or replacement of the Linkbelt dragline was also discussed.

A report was given on water supply reflecting improvements from recent rain and snow events throughout the basin.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:30 am.

Secretary