

## MINUTES

The Board met Tuesday February 6, 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. An increase in 2007 cost of living increases from 3% to 3.7% was approved.

Correspondence for the month was read and discussed as follows:

- Marvin Swanda – 2007 water supply estimates
- Alice Johns – BOR O&M budget
- Alice Johns – 2 letters regarding transfer acre cost
- Tracy Streeter KWO – nominations to Basin Advisory Committees

At this time, A Notice of election for Voting Area # 1 was signed. The election will be held at the Republic Community Center. Steve Howley will be asked to serve on the election board along with two others electors of the area.

An Agreement with Donna Clark was approved and signed regarding the turnout from North 1.2 Lateral.

Kenny reviewed the crop census and ditch – pipe survey with the Board.

Chemical bids for the 2007 chemicals were awarded as follows:

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| Van Diest | Diuron 4L      | \$12.71 |
| Van Diest | 2,4-D 6 # LV   | \$15.64 |
| Farmway   | Roundup 5.4 lb | \$13.20 |
| Farmway   | Co. Sulfate    | \$ 1.60 |

UAP participated but did not receive an award

Truck bids for 1 new pickup were opened. Beloit Auto & Truck Plaza received the bid with a cash bid of \$17,120. The Board agreed to sell our 1994 pickup privately.

A discussion was held regarding SB 89 a bill to divide possible money's received from the State of Ne. over Republican River litigation. Senator Taddiken introduced this bill with some changes made to address our concerns. Monty has contacted Representative Clay Aurand and if additional changes need to be made an effort will be put forth on the House side of the Legislature.

A lengthy discussion was held on a possible legislative effort to limit or forgive Bureau O&M charges in years of no or little supply. Kenny presented the board with information on all possible districts in the Republican and Solomon Basin who could possibly be involved. It was agreed to attend a meeting on the 16<sup>th</sup> in Franklin Ne. between all districts to decide whether to proceed as a group most likely IPRC effort or not. Kenny plans to contact the other districts and tell them he intends to invite Lee Orton unless someone objects.

Kenny informed the Board the Basis of Negotiation to amend our contracts allowing restructuring of our repayment debt as allowed by HR 4000, is in the Bureau office in Washington D.C. Steve Ronshaugen has assured Kenny there is no problem with it at this time. Steve also informed him the Bureau is intending to construct a low water crossing in Willow Creek at Guide Rock and they are considering our request to destroy the house at Guide Rock.

Kenny informed the Board the Ronnie Allen and David Dahl were on a trip to Kansas City to look at a LS 78 dragline as a possible replacement for our machine. Necessary repairs on our machine exceed the value of the machine. Plans are to find a like model in good condition and keep our machine for repairs.

The last item of discussion was regarding Hess Service proposal to paint and repair the WREX tube across the River. We are on their schedule for April with a finish date of June 1. However, the Bureau has some questions regarding the thickness of the paint, which could change the bid on the project. Kenny asked the Bureau if there was any assistance available to help with this repair. They said no except we could request the use of our reserve funds for the project. Several options to fund the project were discussed with no decision made at this time.

A report was given on water supply.

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

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Secretary