

MINUTES

The Board met Friday September 7, 2007 at 8:00 A.M., with Gary Housholder Brad Peterson, Monty Dahl, and Kenny Nelson present.

Time sheets and checks were signed; the Minutes and Financial Report were approved as mailed.

Correspondence for the month was read and discussed as follows:

Steve Ronshaugen to Merle Illian - no tree spraying at Guide Rock.

Aaron Thompson – Guide Rock low water crossing and road.

Brian Werner 4-States October meeting and Head Gate nominee

Kenny gave a wrap up of the 2007-watering season. The District used 5.3"/acre above Lovewell and 7"/acre below Lovewell. The overall district average was 6.5"/acre. The District delivery percentage was 49% and waste was 11%. Bill Peck sent an e-mail showing the District with app. 6,500 acre-feet of carry over "deal" water from the Nebraska Bostwick "deal" supply. According to the MOA between the Districts and Bureau, this water will be available to Kansas Bostwick next year unless that amount of water is released from flood storage by the Corps of Engineers. A discussion was held on supply. With conditions much improved it is too early to make predictions on next years supply.

The next item for discussion was the 2025 challenge grant laterals to be constructed. The Bureau is to give us an estimate on NEPA compliance and design work. If we accept the estimate, it will be deducted from the \$300,000 funding. Kenny is preparing to meet with irrigators involved. He reported using right of way values of \$1,500/acre for farm ground and \$700/acre for pasture and \$1,000/turnout for clean water. If some irrigators choose not to participate at those values, the Laterals may be left in rough condition without doing the finish work as their contribution. Kenny also reported it looks favorable to receive a \$50,000 grant for CW 1.4 Lateral.

Plans were made to attend the rescheduled meeting in Mankato on the 18th with the Bureau, COE, and Nebraska Bostwick. Topics include Harlan County O&M, possible legislation, deviation at Lovewell, and safety of dams issues. Kenny has suggested including 2007 charges between districts at Harlan and a 2025 proposal for automation of the Courtland Canal. These items would not involve the Corps.

A report was given on water supply in the reservoirs and with no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:30 A. M.

Secretary

