

MINUTES

The Board met Tuesday January 8, 2008 at 9:00 A.M., with Gary Housholder Brad Peterson, Monty Dahl, and Kenny Nelson present.

Mason Ely and Ken Heitman met with the Board regarding drainage and a pipeline project on Mason's property in Section 4-1-9. After considerable discussion, it was agreed that Kenny would design a possible pipeline to deliver water from the district right of way to the irrigated fields on the property and investigate the possibility of tile drainage for the seeped area on the property. Kenny will contact Mason with his findings. Mason is to check with NRCS regarding any ramifications of draining this property.

The Board approved the newsletter to be mailed in the near future.

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:

Stephen Ronshaugen – 4-States meeting meet with RD

Marv Swanda – Harlan County road across dam

Aaron Popelka – H Co. O&M legislation and farm bill

A transfer acre request from Steve Gunn to move 34 acres from his farm in section 8-2-6 to his farm in 3-2-6 and to include 1.9 acres from the bank for pivot development was approved.

A follow up discussion to the KPERS meeting on Dec. 18 was held. It was agreed to continue to pursue the possibility of a policy to allow employees to retire on KPERS and return to work for the district. Kenny will discuss this with the employees and discuss his findings with the Board next month.

Kenny explained Brett Carlgren had applied for employment with the district. It was agreed to offer him a job beginning in March.

After much discussion, salaries for 2008 were set with a 4% cost of living increase.

At this time, Kenny asked Ron Allen to meet with the Board to update them on the status of the equipment. After Ron left the meeting it was agreed to take bids on one pickup at this time.

Kansas Department of Transportation regulations were discussed. Kenny will check into this to see if the district is in compliance.

Drainage request from Steve Gunn, Richard Lindberg, and Dwight Garman were discussed. Pipelines under the 2025 project are a priority at this time and these projects will be completed if time allows.

A report on water supply was given

Plans were made to attend 4-States Irrigation Council Annual Meeting 1-16,17 & 18, in Fort Collins, Colorado.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:30 am.

Secretary