

## MINUTES

The Board met Thursday November 6, 2008 at 8:00 A.M., with Gary Housholder, Brad Peterson, Monty Dahl, and Kenny Nelson present.

Kenny presented a report on the status of Don Lieb who was involved in a motorcycle wreck and will need to undergo 3-6 weeks of rehabilitation.

A discussion was held about the upcoming 4-States Conference in January. All Board members plan to attend.

The Minutes and Financial Report were approved as mailed.

Correspondence for the month was read and discussed as follows:

Aaron Thompson – Easement for Ray Clark

Marvin Swanda – 2008 water use report

Aaron Thompson – FY 2011 Budget H. Co & Lovewell

Dave Barfield – Republican River arbitration

Sandra Hughson – H. Co. 2008 actual expense to KBID to be billed in 2009

Regarding the letter from Aaron Thompson about 2011 Budgets, the Board instructed Kenny to reply that we do not choose to have a meeting on the topic but that we continue to believe O&M cost at Harlan County are beyond what the district can afford to pay and will get worse in the future.

A discussion was held regarding the Budget for 2009 on Harlan County O&M expenses based upon the July 2 estimate of the 2008 actual expenses. The road work was not completed in FY 2008 so much of this expense will be billed in 2010 which is the 2009 actual expense. It was agreed to consider updating equipment with the additional charges in 2009.

An inspection trip with the Bureau of Reclamation has been scheduled for December 1<sup>st</sup>. Kenny explained he would like to postpone the meeting considering the additional work that will be required while Don Lieb is in rehabilitation. The Board agreed.

A discussion was held regarding a draft procedure for the mail in ballot election to be held next March. Input from Vicky Hall the County Election Officer was added to the draft since last month. Vicky requested further work be done on the draft after the general election was over on November 4. Kenny plans to meet with her soon.

Kenny explained work being completed by the Kansas Department of Water Resources to prove Kansas losses for the arbitration process between the States of Kansas and Nebraska. The Arbitrator is a former Chief Engineer from the State of Idaho.

At this time, 2009 salaries were discussed. No action was taken at this time.

Work progress and work planned was discussed and a report was given on water supply.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:00 am.

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Secretary

