

## MINUTES

The Board met Thursday February 5, 2009 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.

Notice of mail ballot Election was approved and signed and will be published in the Courtland Journal and Superior Express.

Correspondence for the month was read and discussed as follows:

Ks. Dept. of Revenue – tax refund

Marvin Swanda – 2009 available water supply

Wayne Pachta – invitation to Conservation meeting

Aaron Thompson – H. Co. actual cost for 2008

Marvin Swanda – 2008 final water reports KBID

A discussion was held regarding the upcoming mail ballot election. Kenny reported mailing out signature cards to all qualified landowners of voting area #2. The Notice of Election as signed earlier in the meeting will be published the next three weeks informing people of the election and the need to have signature cards on file in the office. The Board agreed to pay the three member counting board \$20 each for their duties. The persons suggested were Ruth Sederlin, Janet Weir, Lisa Tebow, alternates Diane Freeman, Darlene Jensen, Ida Mae Sothers. The Election will be Tuesday March 3, 2009 with the deadline to have ballots in this office at 12:00 noon. The counting board will count the ballots and certify a winner and the Board of Directors will canvass the election on Friday March 6.

Kenny informed the Board that he would be meeting with Aaron Thompson and other members of the Nebraska – Kansas Area Office regarding infrastructure repairs and plan a tour for March.

A brief discussion was held regarding Kenny's involvement in the Kansas Water Office's Lower Republican River Advisory Committee. The Committee will make recommendation to the Director of the Water Office regarding the use of funds acquired from other states due to shortages to Kansas of Republican River flows. The next meeting will be February 17 in Concordia.

Bids for 1 new 4-wh drive pickup and 2009 chemicals for district use were awarded at this time as follows:

Beloit Auto & Truck Plaza – Ford 150 as specified in Jan. 09 correspondence  
\$19,847.00

Van Diest Supply Co. – 960 gal Diuron 4L @ \$17.74/gal, 100 lbs copper sul  
\$1.82/lb

Simms Fertilizer - 55 gal 2,4-D @ \$18.99/gal, 5 gal pathway @ \$30/gal, 200  
glyphosate @ \$19.99

Kenny informed the Board of his search for an excavator and a non-cdl dump truck. He will continue the search.

A report was given on the 2008 crop census. The corn yield was a new record at 189.9 bu./acre. The total value of crops raised was \$20,202,988 also a record high value.

Kenny reviewed a series of reports with the Board. He reported \$421,776 worth of district improvements in 2008, including buried laterals, new turnouts, and so on. Fourteen new pivot installations were completed in 2008 for a total of 185 pivots installed in the district. There were 5.7 miles of laterals buried in 2008 for a total of 69 miles to date. With the burial of these laterals, 54 waste-ways have been removed.

The Board approved transfer acre proposals for the following individuals as described by Kenny: Richard Barry in Section 4-2-6 & 9-2-6; Russ Reinke in Section 9-2-6; Ralph Clark Section 19-1-5; and Myrna Tiejjen Section 7-2-5.

Policy for the 2009 watering season was discussed and set. The Board reviewed records of annual water use from 1986 to present including short supply periods from 1989 to 1992, and 2001 to 2008. The board reviewed the projected 2009 supply. The Board was presented material demonstrating that out of 113 tenants, 79 had at least 1 pivot in their operation and 34 relied upon furrow irrigation. The Board considered the water restriction, transfers between lands above and below Lovewell, and transfers from landowners to their tenants. It was decided to set the 2009 restriction at 12"/acre, leave the restriction not allowing transfers from above to below or from below to above Lovewell, and to allow transfers from landowners to their tenants at the landowners discretion. The base supply remains at 15"/acre. Kenny will prepare and mail a patron letter explaining this.

A report was given on water supply.

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

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Secretary