

MINUTES

The Board met Tuesday April 7, 2009 at 10:00 A.M., with Gary Housholder, Brad Peterson, Monty Dahl, and Kenny Nelson present.

The first order of business was to hold an election of Officers. All members retained their present positions with Gary as President, Brad as Secretary, and Monty as Treasurer.

Kenny handed each member a copy of the Annual Report and a final draft of the April – June Newsletter. .

Time sheets and checks were signed.

The Minutes and Financial Report were approved as mailed.

There was no Correspondence for review.

The Board discussed purchase of a 2002 Cat 320 excavator and a 1993 IHC dump truck. The dump truck was parked in the parking lot for the Board to review and the excavator was on the job site along the canal.

Kenny went over the notes he had mailed the Board reporting on the Lower Republican Stakeholder Advisory Committee meeting he attended on March 31. It is Kenny's opinion that the State is very interested in the future use of the Courtland Canal to move water into Kansas and Lovewell Reservoir for storage to alleviate minimum stream flows on the Republican. The next meeting will be May 12 in Clay Center.

As the Kansas State Director Kenny attended the Four States Director meeting on April 4th in Berthoud Colorado. He reported on plans for the summer tour and the January Annual meeting. Four States is beginning the process of reorganizing and will hire a firm to work with the Four States Board as a program manager.

The district is currently working on four different grant possibilities. It appears likely the district will be granted partner status under the Agricultural Water Enhancement Program (AWEP) of the USDA. Once this is done, our irrigators involved in pipe lateral projects will qualify for EQIP funding for these projects. It is also highly likely the district will receive the Area Office Field Service funds for conservation projects as well. We should know the amount of this funding soon. Possible stimulus funding up to \$500,000 over 5 years may be available through Reclamation to be used on conservation projects as well. Whether this will become a reality or not remains to be seen and there may be conditions attached. Additional funding through the Bureau's Initiative for America program may also be available when the current 2025 funds are spent.

Aaron Popelka Congressman Moran's Chief of Staff contacted Kenny regarding the Stimulus spending being proposed by the Corps of Engineers at Harlan County. The Kansas Bostwick Irrigation District and Nebraska Bostwick Irrigation District will be charged repayment of 15.35% of stimulus spending if it is charged to the dam Operations and Maintenance. The district has let the Congressman know that we cannot afford these charges and we consider it unfair to be charged them. Further action will be taken to alleviate these charges.

The following transfer acres for center pivots were approved: Arnold Ross 6-2-4; Gary Housholder NW & pt of SW 28-3-5. Velma Lervold will be granted up to 15 acres in the SW 6-2-4 if she requests a transfer to install a pivot before September of 2010. This is in consideration for granting right of way for the White Rock Extension 11.9 pipe lateral project. The board reviewed a project in the SE 32-3-5 for Phil Reed and Reginald Reed. A pivot is proposed to be shared between landowners. Kenny will correspond with the landowners regarding the needed transfer acres. Action on this project was tabled at this time.

A request for assistance with drainage in the SE 1-1-7 by Randy Rhoads was explained. The Board agreed to sell Randy approximately 900' of 8" PIP at \$.80/foot if Randy would install the pipe.

A report was given on work progress and work planned and water supply. A discussion was held regarding the need for and difficulty of burning trash from the canal system.

Kenny reported his intention to hire 2 part time persons this summer. He also reported Crystal Lieb has agreed to return as part time office help this summer. This met with Board approval.

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

Secretary