

MINUTES

The Board met Friday June 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.

A discussion was held regarding the Lower Republican River Stakeholder Advisory Committee. Kansas Bostwick will be sponsoring the next meeting of the Committee on June 10:00 in Courtland.

Correspondence was read and discussed as follows:

- Aaron Thompson regarding Approval of transfer acres 2008
- Lee Orton for Nebraska Irrigation Association – Family Farm Alliance support
- KPERS – 2010 rate increase
- Aaron Thompson – Water Rights transfer cost 2008
- Aaron Thompson to COE – releases to river 2009
- W. Peck – 2009 O&M and Repay Kan-Neb projects
- David Ford – 4-States summer tour
- Doug Simms to W Rex Woods - audit

Regarding Lee Orton's correspondence to further support the Family Farm Alliance, the board agreed to contribute an additional \$500 to the organization.

Kenny reported the Bureau was in the process of reviewing Trust held in the district. Trust holders have the option of sending the trust to Billings or bringing it to this office when the Bureau is here on an RRA audit in August.

An Agreement between Don Mikesell and Russell Reinke regarding installing a turnout on the Mikesell property from the line, which delivers water to the Reinke property, was approved.

Work on the 2010 budget has begun. W Rex Woods is to deliver the 2008 audit next week, which will allow further progress on the budget.

Kenny reported 3 irrigators began irrigating on June 1 and were rained out on the 2nd. There were 14 other irrigators on a list to run when the rain came. A discussion was held about the difficulty of preparing the canal due to a majority of irrigators no practicing no-till operations. Plans to purchase or build machinery to help remove wind blown debris from the canal system were discussed.

Irrigators from Pump 4, who would be required to contribute to the cost of burying the canal, have been notified of their expected amounts. At this time, Herb Hedstrom and Larry Olson have come to the office and discussed the proposal.

Kenny reported the Clark 35-C loaders transmission was out. Martin Cat is working on it and reports some parts are obsolete.

A report was given on water supply. Both Harlan County and Lovewell are in the flood pool but neither as far as last year at this time.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:30 am.

Secretary