

## MINUTES

The Board met Friday November 5, 2010 at 8:00 A.M., with Gary Housholder, Brad Peterson, Monty Dahl and Kenny Nelson present.

Time sheets and checks were signed. Minutes and the financial report from the previous meeting were approved as mailed.

Kenny reported to the Board that Fred Hurlbutt had a vehicle accident while hauling pipe for the district. There were no injuries but the 2003 pickup was extremely damaged. A-1 Body shop will give an estimate.

Correspondence for the month was read and discussed as follows:

- Aaron Thompson to Kansas Water Office regarding a silt survey at Lovewell
- Marv Swanda – O&M and Construction Charges Area Office
- Lynnette Smith – RRA threshold
- Sandy Hughson – Ability to Pay 5 yr review
- Aaron Thompson – House at Guide Rock
- Dept of Energy – power marketing beyond 2020

Regarding destruction of the Guide Rock house, Kenny reported meeting with Sandy Hughson and Aaron Thompson of the Bureau Area Office on Nov 4<sup>th</sup>. The district had asked the Bureau for permission to destroy the house and for the Bureau to remove the asbestos. It appeared this could be accomplished as part of the districts accepting the area as Transferred Water Supply in Contract renewal. The Bureau is now of the opinion that the District will have to do this under contract obligation. However in 2007 after the request was made of the Area Office, personnel tried to get permission from the Regional Office to take care of the asbestos but were unsuccessful according to Sandy. No contact from the Bureau was made until August of 2010. At that time, the Bureau said the District had neglected repairs and needed to destroy the house because it was a safety hazard with no mention of past request or efforts to destroy the facility. Kenny informed the Board that we may have a contractual obligation to take care of the situation but if there was neglect it was on behalf of the Bureau for not communicating with us on the subject. The Board agreed to write the Bureau a letter informing them we continue to believe they have some obligation regarding the cost of asbestos removal. The district will move forward and make plans to accomplish the removal but do believe a refund or credit of some sort would be appropriate to offset the Bureau's obligation. This would assume agreement from Nebraska Bostwick.

Kenny discussed his findings regarding the condition of the radial gates on the Courtland Canal. A variety of different repairs will be required and need to be scheduled as soon as possible. However, most gates appear to be repairable and some will require very little repairs. Further review by the District crewmembers and an inspection by the Bureau will be helpful in moving forward with repairs

Dean Sothers request for the district to install 2 crossing in the creek on his farm in Section 23-3-5 was discussed. Along with the 2 crossings, the repair of a grouted riprap crossing would also take place. The Board approved repairing the grout crossing at district expense. The district will also install 1 creek crossing if Dean furnishes the tube. If Dean wants a second crossing the district will install it totally at Deans expense.

Kenny explained a maintenance problem at Pump 4 involving the pipes supporting the check valve to the pumps. He also explained the planned method of repair. This met with Board approval.

A work sheet regarding employee salaries and insurance cost was handed out. A discussion was held on the topic. No decisions will be made at this time.

A report was give on work accomplished and work planned. White Rock 1.1 pipeline was completed last month and was the final project built utilizing 2025 cost share funds.

A report was given on water supply. Both Harlan County and Lovewell are in good shape.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:45 am.

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Secretary