

MINUTES

The Board met Friday January 7, 2011 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. Plans were made to attend the Four States Irrigation Council Annual meeting in Fort Collins Colorado January 12-14.

Correspondence for the month was read and discussed as follows:

Sandy Hughson – COE actual O&M 2010

Aaron Thompson – Guide Rock House 2 letters

Michelle Maher BOR Grants Officer – WaterSMART 2010

Regarding correspondence, the district was approved for \$300,000 matching grant funds from its 2010 application to bury CW 5.7 and CW 4.0 laterals. The district had been rejected on this proposal in July of 2010. Additional funding became available and the application was accepted at this time. Kenny also informed the Board he was working on the asbestos removal plan for the Guide Rock house, following the correspondence from Aaron Thompson. Bid invitations have been sent to three contractors. A plan will be developed following the receipt of those bids and an understanding of other requirements.

Brad signed a notice of election to be printed in the Courtland Journal regarding the upcoming mail ballot election for Board Member for voting area #3 on March 1, 2011.

Kenny presented merit raises to be included with the salaries approved at the December Board meeting. The raises met with Board approval.

A discussion was held regarding Loup Basin Reclamation District's plan to hire an Assistant General Manager to work with Tom Knutson (current General Manager) until his retirement. Kenny explained Tom had worked with his Board and they budgeted funds a couple of years to create this position and transition someone into the Managers position upon his retirement.

A report was given regarding last months inspection trip by Dave Nelson and Carl Koenig of the Bureau of Reclamation. Iron works problems principally with radial gates on the Courtland Canal are a major concern. Following the forthcoming inspection report, additional planning and scheduling will be needed to address and fix the problem.

Brett Carlgren reported to Kenny that Glenwood Lundberg intends to install a pivot on the NE 33-3-5. The area involved is all classified acres so no transfers will be required.

A report was given on work progress, work planned, and water supply.

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

Secretary

