

MINUTES

The Board met Tuesday July 5, 2011 at 8:00 A.M., with Gary Housholder, Brad Peterson, Monty Dahl and Kenny Nelson present.

Time sheets and checks were signed. The 2010 Audit report was reviewed. The Equalization Hearing notice to be held on August 2 at 9:00 am was signed. Minutes and the financial report from the previous meeting were approved as mailed.

Correspondence for the month was read and discussed as follows:
Jack Wergin – Approval of Transfer Acre Request

A discussion was held regarding an auditor for the 2011 year. Rex Woods is retiring and intends to recommend an auditor to take his place. It was agreed to look into this as soon as possible.

Kenny explained the 2009 transfer acre request were incorrect as approved by the Bureau. Corrections will be made as soon as possible.

The 2012 Budget was considered. Additional expenses will be incurred for WaterSMART buried lateral cost share commitments, repair of radial gates and lining on the Courtland Canal, hiring an Assistant Office Manager, Building a fund for an Assistant Manager position in the future and purchase of additional equipment. After much discussion, it was agreed to increase Operations and Maintenance charges by \$4.75/acre and accept the Budget at \$1,893,400.00. The Repayment Budget and Assessment will remain the same as last year at \$188,386 budget and \$4.38/acre assessment.

Kenny reported that Krystal Mosher had accepted our offer for the Assistant Office Manager position effective the 1st of September. .

Kenny reported the Bureau appears to be moving towards closing the Grand Island Office and transferring employees to McCook. Concerns over the affect of this on the district remain.

A discussion was held regarding watering season. No serious problems have been experienced at this time. Concerns over the operations and the canal and accuracy of the ramp flume on the Courtland Canal near Guide Rock were expressed. Consistency of the readings and setting of river gates remain an issue. The above normal water supply is good as the flume problems are worked on by experimentation. Carry over supplies for next year also look favorable at this time.

The water supply report finds Lovewell and Harlan County both in the flood pool at this time.

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

Secretary

