

## MINUTES

The Board met Tuesday August 2, 2011 at 8:00 A.M., with Gary Housholder, Brad Peterson, Monty Dahl and Kenny Nelson present.

Time sheets and checks were signed. Minutes from the previous meeting were approved as mailed. Kenny explained a correction to the financial report in the totals of the savings accounts and the financial report was approved.

Plans were made to attend the Four States Summer Tour on August 18 & 19.

There was no Correspondence for the month.

The Equalization Hearings opened and closed at 9:00 am with no one in attendance.

A Transfer Acre Request for Russell Reinke to install pivot irrigation in the NE 7-2-4 was approved with 2.9 acres being transferred from the district bank.

The Board signed Resolutions approving the O&M Budget for 2012 at \$1,893,400 and the Repayment Budget at \$188,387. Brad Peterson signed a Certification of Assessments to be sent to Republic and Jewell Counties to collect the assessments.

A discussion was held regarding the Bureau's proposal to consolidate the Grand Island Area Office into the McCook Field Office. Kenny sent Anne Castle, Assistant Secretary for Water and Science a letter requesting the proposal either be scrapped or put on hold until the districts have been informed and given some time for input. It is hoped a meeting can be set up in September with all the Districts.

A discussion was held regarding a crossing on Dean Sothers property in the S1/2 NW 1/4 23-3-5. Dean's present tube crossing that was installed to replace a grouted crossing that busted up is not wide enough for a swather to cross. His bidirectional tractor with swather head worked ok but he sold it on his farm sale. The Board told Kenny to try to find a way to cooperate to get the hay cut.

Kenny explained a few problems with the irrigation season. Courtland West 0.3 pipeline is not delivering the designed flow to one turnout. An option was considered for next year. A pump at both Pump 4 and Pump 3A is down. Pump 4 pump will need to be pulled and overhauled after watering season and Pump 3A will need a new motor. Kenny reported other operations were going good. Some problems with newer ditchriders remain but are improving somewhat. Several irrigators are running short of their 15" supply. Therefore, the Board moved to allow an additional 6" / acre at a cost of \$33/acre foot.

The water supply was reviewed with Harlan County going out of the flood pool on August 1 and Lovewell still in the flood pool .7' on August 1.

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

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Secretary

