

**BUREAU COUNTY SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

September 6, 2016

DIRECTORS PRESENT: Mark Miller, Rod Grunloh, Gaile Arnold, Mike Thacker

DIRECTORS ABSENT: Mike Nelson

DISTRICT PERSONNEL PRESENT: Kevin Bennett, ARC and Marianne Grey, CA

NRCS PERSONNEL PRESENT: Erika Turner, DC

Call to Order: At 8:23 a.m. Chairman Mark Miller called the meeting to order.

Guests: None

Approval of Minutes: Gaile made a motion to approve the minutes of the August 9, 2016 meeting. Rod seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Approval of Bills: Rod made a motion to approve the bills. Gaile seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Approval of Timesheets: Mike T. made a motion to approve the timesheets. Gaile seconded the motion. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Budget & Finance: We are waiting on funding to be released from Governor's office to IDOA.

Natural Areas: No report.

Education: No report.

Personnel: Kevin interviewed a candidate for the NA Technician position. Would like to hire Eric Mizel for 20 hours per week at a rate of \$10/hour. Rod made a motion to approve the hiring. Gaile seconded. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE: Letter from CREP office regarding monitoring of easements that the district holds. Letter from AISWCD President regarding state funding. Letter from SWCD Insurance group asking participating districts to split the cost of the administrator's salary. Works out to \$162 per district. Gaile made a motion to pay our portion. Rod seconded. Motion carried.

BUSINESS

CPP: No report. No funding has been released yet.

Zonings: Kevin presented 3 NRI zoning requests for this month. Two of them are for re-zones, the other is seeking a variation. Also a request from Walnut Ridge Wind to install 76 monopole transmission structures. After some discussion it was agreed that we do not have enough information to provide an opinion on the structures. Letter from the District to the zoning office will state such.

Whitver Farm: No additional work on prairie chickens. Kevin will have new technician work on eradicating invasive shrubs from the CRP fields there.

Capital Projects at Warnecke: Forms for concrete pads are being put in today. Additional work will follow once concrete has been poured.

Equipment Purchase: No report.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None.

NEW BUSINESS

Other Business: None

Public Comments: None

Agenda items for next meeting: Sale of Plot Master.

Next Meeting: The next meeting will be held at 8:15 a.m. on Tuesday, October 4, 2016 at the USDA Service Center.

Adjournment: At 9:15 a.m. Gaile made a motion to adjourn. Rod seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Submitted by: Kevin Bennett and Marianne Grey