



BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
July 16, 2007
The Plaza Inn Hotel, Garden City, KS

Board of Directors Present:

Gene Albers, Vice President
Ronald Brown, Secretary/Treasurer
Don Rezac, Director
Jon Starns, Director
Pat Lehman, Executive Director

Guests Present:

Gayla Speer, EO President
Mindy Vogt, EO Vice President
Jim Krueger, Assistant State Conservations NRCS

Gene Albers, Vice President, called the meeting to order at the The Plaza Inn Hotel, Garden City, Kansas, at 10:45 a.m. after a joint meeting with the State Conservation Commission.

Approval of Agenda:

Gayla Speer asked that a discussion of the Wichita Farm Show in November be added under Other Business. Don Rezac moved to approve the agenda with the addition. Jon Starns seconded the motion. Motion approved.

Approval of Minutes:

Minutes of the May 9, 2007, meeting held at the Holton House, 125 E 4th St., Holton, Kansas, were presented. Jon Starns asked for a correction that he be listed in attendance at the meeting. Correction noted. Jon Starns moved to approve the minutes as corrected. Ron Brown seconded. Motion approved.

Financial Report:

Lehman presented the check register which is in Excel program. Lehman reported that there will have to be revisions in future budgets because the budgeted amounts in the columns need to be revised. The checks and deposits are listed in the columns. Jon Starns asked why a check written for Richard Jones is listed. Lehman reported that apparently the agreement with Richard was that his contract allowed for the association to pay half his Social Security based on his salary. Richard was paid for five months in 2006 and this amount listed was for half the

Association share of his Social Security on March 30, 2006. Don Rezac reported he is listed under Voucher #47, February 14, there is no amount listed on the line. Lehman reported he would look up the amount and correct it.

Lehman reported on the association CDs. The first CD for \$60,800 earns \$258 per month at 5% interest. The CD is for 24 months. The interest is transferred into the savings account each month. The remaining three CDs were combined in late January into one drawing 4.75% interest. Lehman reported that because the CD is for less than a year the interest money stays in the CD and will be moved to the savings account after maturity on July 31, 2007. Lehman reported he would look for the best rate for the CD and reminded the board that only the interest can be spent. Jon Starns moved to approve the financial report. Don Rezac seconded the motion. Motion approved.

Lehman reported to the board that he has been making the reservations for most of the board members for airplane tickets, hotel reservations and conference registrations. He has been putting these costs on his personal credit card and the association reimburses him. Lehman requested the association apply for a credit card to handle these transactions. After discussion it was decided that the association should apply for a credit card with a \$10,000 limit. Ron Brown moved the association apply for a credit card with Emprise Bank with a limit of \$10,000 and instructed Lehman to make the arrangements. Don Rezac seconded. Motion approved.

Old Business:

Liability insurance update:

Lehman reported that the State Conservation Commission attorney with the Attorney General's office had responded to Scott Carlson's question about liability insurance relating to Envirothon. The attorney's response was that in their opinion we should have insurance for not only Envirothon but board liability insurance. Lehman was instructed to talk to an insurance agent about liability insurance.

Area meetings update:

Lehman presented the agendas for the Area Meetings and asked for any additions or corrections. None were given. Don Rezac asked if the agendas would be sent to the county offices for their input and Lehman replied that he would do that. Discussion was held about the rent for the meeting locations with a request from Salina to pay before the meeting. Lehman was to contact the Salina facility to determine when payment is due.

New Business:

Area Grids:

Lehman presented the area grids for each area listing which counties would be responsible each year to work at the Legislative Fair, Area Meetings and the Convention. Jon Starns commented it appeared that some might say they were being forced to do things they didn't want to do. He suggested that the counties be allowed to trade jobs around or that two or three counties can agree to work. Gene Albers commented that for the Legislative Fair there are only four locations in the Capitol for booths so for that Area III should be divided with the other Areas. It was decided to leave the grids as presented and discuss it at the Area Meeting.

Funding Wichita Farm Show:

Gayla Speer asked the board for funding to help with the booth at the Wichita Farm Show in late October. It was stated that the board had helped fund the booth last year and the year before. Payment would be made to the Reno County Conservation District. It will be a KACD

booth. Motion by Don Rezac to pay the same amount as paid last year to help fund the booth. Ron Brown seconded the motion. Motion approved.

Convention November 18-20:

Lehman requested suggestions for the November convention. Suggestions for breakout sessions and discussion for changes for the conventions would be appreciated in the next few months. Discussions will be held at Area meetings for breakouts and other ideas for the convention. A discussion was held concerning an increase in the registration for the convention from \$95 to \$125. Lehman reported that prior NRCS involvement has had a huge impact on the convention. If NRCS cuts back on the number of employees that attend, it will have an effect on revenue. Jim Krueger announced expenditures over \$25,000 depended on national approval. Jon Starns moved to increase registration to \$125. Don Rezac seconded. Motion approved.

The next board meeting will be at the Kansas State Fair on Thursday, September 13, beginning at 10:00 am.

No other business was considered.

Meeting adjourned at 1:45 pm.