

CLARKE COUNTY RESERVOIR COMMISSION
Information Station
(Clarke County Development Office)
115 East Washington Street
Thursday, November 13, 2008
9:00 a.m.

Sandy Kale, Chairperson
Dan McIntosh, Treasurer
Jack Cooley, Vice Chairperson
Fred Diehl, Secretary
Rick Buesch
Norm Lust
Scott Busick
Harold Allen, Jr.
Anne Welker

Osceola Water Board
SIRWA
Clarke County Supervisors
City of Osceola
Clarke County Development Board
Clarke Soil & Water Conservation District
City of Murray
City of Woodburn
Member at Large

Jeannie Crees
Mark McCurdy
Zeff Zimprich
Darlene Handrock
Joseph E. Handrock
Kathy Kelly
Bill Kelly
Ed Stoll
Marion James
Judy Weese
Dennis Hilger

Alternate, Murray City Council
USDA NRCS, Des Moines
USDA NRCS, Atlantic
Landowner
Landowner
Landowner
City of Osceola
City of Osceola Police Department
James Law Firm
Southern Iowa RC&D
Southern Iowa RC&D/NRCS

- Not everyone who attended the meeting signed in.

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Chairperson Sandy Kale called the meeting of the Clarke County Reservoir Commission (CCRC) to order at 9:00 a.m. Nine Commissioners responded to roll call. Representative from Clarke County Conservation Board was absent.

APPROVE AGENDA

A motion to approve the November 13, 2008 meeting agenda as written was made by Commissioner Fred Diehl and seconded by Commissioner Dan McIntosh. Motion carried with a roll call vote:

Ayes: Commissioners Scott Busick, Fred Diehl, H. Allen, Jr., Jack Cooley, Rick Buesch, Norm Lust, Sandy Kale, Dan McIntosh, and Anne Welker.

Absent: Clarke County Conservation Board.

APPROVE OCTOBER 9, 2008 MEETING MINUTES

Motion was made by Commissioner Dan McIntosh and seconded by Commissioner Norm Lust to approve the October 9, 2008 meeting minutes. Motion carried with roll call vote:

Ayes: Commissioners Scott Busick, Fred Diehl, J. Cooley, Rick Buesch, Norm Lust, Sandy Kale, and Dan McIntosh
 Abstain: Commissioners H. Allen, Jr., and Anne Welker
 Absent: Clarke County Conservation Board.

TREASURER'S REPORT

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 Clarke County Reservoir Commission
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CHECKING ACCOUNT

PREVIOUS BALANCE (October 9, 2008)		\$13,887.91
REVENUE RECEIVED		
10/9/2008	City of Murray – FY 2009 Dues	1,470.00
10/9/2008	Clarke County Conservation Board – FY 2009 Dues	1,000.00
10/24/2008	Clarke County Board of Supervisors – FY 2009 Dues	6,650.00
10/24/2008	Clarke Soil & Water Conservation District – FY 2009 Dues	1,000.00
	Interest for October	<u>12.55</u>
	TOTAL REVENUE RECEIVED	10,132.55
CASH BALANCE		\$24,020.46
EXPENSES PRESENTED FOR PAYMENT		
11/13/2008	Omaha World-Herald – advertising land acquisition coordinator	416.28
11/13/2008	Clarke Co. Publishing – advertising for land appraiser	30.00
11/13/2008	Des Moines Register – advertising land acquisition coordinator	345.00
11/13/2008	SIRWA – copies of documents from Clarke County Recorder for Hiring Committee	<u>48.00</u>
	TOTAL EXPENSES	<u>839.28</u>
ENDING BALANCE (November 13, 2008)		\$23,181.18

Note: All FY 2009 Sponsor contributions have been paid.

SPECIAL ACCOUNT

(Opened 7/26/2007)

PREVIOUS BALANCE (October 9, 2008)		(\$ 4,582.25)
REVENUE RECEIVED		
10/21/2008	Deposit (Casino Money)	4,582.25
10/31/2008	Interest for October	<u>25.17</u>
	TOTAL REVENUE RECEIVED	<u>\$4,607.42</u>
CASH BALANCE (November 13, 2008)		\$ 25.17
EXPENSES PRESENTED FOR PAYMENT		
	TOTAL EXPENSES	<u>0.00</u>
ENDING BALANCE (November 13, 2008)		\$ 25.17

LOSST 2008 CHECKING ACCOUNT

Account opened 10/9/2008

PREVIOUS BALANCE (October 9, 2008)		\$ 1.00
REVENUE RECEIVABLE		
11/13/2008 City of Osceola (City Council will approve payment at council meeting)	\$623,612.95	
11/13/2008 City of Woodburn	<u>21,045.76</u>	
TOTAL REVENUE RECEIVABLE		<u>\$644,658.71</u>
	CASH BALANCE	<u>\$644,659.71</u>
EXPENSES PRESENTED FOR PAYMENT		
11/13/2008 James Law Firm	2,451.20	
11/13/2008 Ahlers & Cooney, P.C.	50.00	
11/13/2008 Casino Fund & City of Osceola (list attached)	<u>205,922.32</u>	
	TOTAL EXPENSES	<u>208,423.52</u>
	ENDING BALANCE (November 13, 2008)	\$ 436,236.19

Treasurer Dan McIntosh presented the Treasurer's Report. He noted that copies of the report were available for the audience to review.

He stated that a new section was included in the report to explain the deposits and disbursements of the local option sales and service tax (LOSST) money. The LOSST money, which would be received by CCRC later in November, was listed as a receivable at the time of the meeting. He explained that upon receipt of the 2008 LOSST money from the cities of Osceola and Woodburn, the expenses listed for November 13, 2008 *under LOSST 2008 Checking Account* (including current legal expenses and the reimbursement for all expenses paid from the Casino Fund/City of Osceola) could be paid.

The Commissioners reviewed the report. A motion to approve the Treasurer's Report and pay the bills as presented was made by Commissioner Rick Buesch and seconded by Commissioner Scott Busick. Motion carried on a roll call vote:

Ayes: Commissioners Scott Busick, Fred Diehl, Harold Allen, Jr., Jack Cooley, Rick Buesch, Norm Lust, Sandy Kale, Dan McIntosh, and Anne Welker

Absent: Clarke County Conservation Board.

OLD BUSINESS

FINANCIAL REVIEW FOR FY 2008

Treasurer Dan McIntosh reported that a request for bids to perform a financial review of FY 2008 financial statements was advertised in the Osceola Sentinel newspaper. CCRC received one bid for \$500 from Ted Willets, CPA from Creston.

A motion to approve the bid was made by Chairperson Sandy Kale and seconded by Commissioner Jack Cooley. Motion carried with a roll call vote:

Ayes: Commissioners Scott Busick, Fred Diehl, Harold Allen, Jr., Jack Cooley, Rick Buesch, Norm Lust, Sandy Kale, Dan McIntosh, and Anne Welker

Absent: Clarke County Conservation Board.

MEETING WITH NRCS STATE CONSERVATIONIST

Chairperson Sandy Kale reported that Dan McIntosh, Jack Cooley, Fred Diehl, and she along with Dennis Hilger and Attorney Marion James met in Des Moines October 23, 2008 with the new NRCS State Conservationist, Richard Sims. The purpose of the meeting was to inform him of the CCRC water supply project. The Commissioners also met with NRCS Assistant State Conservationist for Planning Marty Adkins who will now be the NRCS Water Resources Planning Leader for the project. He will alternate attendance at the CCRC meetings with Jeff Zimprich, who is the NRCS Assistant State Conservationist for Field Operations for southwest Iowa and is stationed at Atlantic, Iowa.

NEW BUSINESS

IOWA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES PROGRAM

Gary Sobotka, Iowa DNR Fishery Biologist, gave a presentation explaining possible scenarios on the management and ownership of property associated with a completed lake project. He compared a project with three (3) existing projects in the area. All three projects have some form of plan for the long-term management.

He discussed advantages and disadvantages of three lake systems: Little River Lake, 12 Mile Lake and Three Mile Lake.

Little River Lake at Leon is the water supply for that region. There are agreements with Decatur Soil and Water Conservation District and SIRWA. There is a county conservation board campground. The lake is open to public use for activities such as hunting and fishing. Decatur County owns the entire property. At the beginning of the project, the decision was made that Decatur County would maintain ownership to the completion of the life of the project. The benefit in that process is there would be local control. The process also brings the burden that the local owners are subject to the responsibilities of repairs and maintenance. The original sponsors of the Little River system contribute to a fund to try to maintain a fund balance for projects on the lake to improve the life expectancy of the project. At this time, the sponsors are facing poor water quality because of carp in the lake and more watershed protection is still needed for the project. There is also a need for shoreline riprap. The lake has been there 25 years and maintenance and repair problems are starting to arise (e.g. keeping up the property fences). Decatur County owns the system and has to come up with funds for water quality improvement.

Twelve Mile Lake east of Creston, owned by the City of Creston, was built in 1983. The owners entered into an agreement with State of Iowa to allow recreation to occur on that body of water and surrounding city land. The Iowa DNR, to enhance recreation, has put a number of infrastructure items in place to improve the water quality. A major lake renovation was completed in 2005. A lot of shoreline riprap was added to protect shoreline from wave action. DNR is still looking at sediment retention areas up in the watershed to keep sediment out of the lake. These actions helped the treatment plant

He explained that Lake Icaria, which was completed in 1974, and Three Mile Lake, which was completed in 1995, were multi use projects. These multi use projects, which were led by organizations formed under intergovernmental agreements (28E), were deeded over to the State of Iowa to eliminate risk of local liability issues and maintenance/

repair costs. Iowa DNR provides long-term maintenance and improvements to the project area. The disadvantage was the loss of local control.

He stated that, if the CCRC lake project is completed, the commissioners should sometime in the future make a decision on ownership of the project.

RC&D Coordinator commented on the concept of having 28E organizations retaining ownership or having DNR have ownership of projects. He suggested that CCRC ask J. R. Cornett, Decatur County Supervisor and Bob Brown, Union County Supervisor, to give a presentation regarding ownership and management costs for these water supply projects.

HIRING COMMITTEE REPORT

Norm Lust reported the deadline is November 26, 2008 to receive applications for the second advertising of the land acquisition coordinator position. The hiring committee is also reviewing applications for the appraiser position and is in the process of making a final decision for that position. The hiring committee may be ready by the next meeting for the commissioners to approve the two positions.

USDA NRCS UPDATE

NRCS Area Conservationist Jeff Zimprich from Atlantic reported that, due to the reassignment of NRCS Water Resources Planning Leader Dave Beck, he and Assistant State Conservationist Marty Adkins will be attending the CCRC meetings and working with the Commissioners on the project.

Mr. Zimprich reported he felt the meeting with Richard Sims was very positive and that the CCRC project was the number one project for the NRCS staff. The draft plan should be completed by the end of December 2008 or early January 2009. The plan will then be sent out for a 45-day interagency review and will be published in the federal register toward the end of December or first part of January. The public meeting will probably be scheduled for the end of January. NRCS will try to send a letter to CCRC the first week in December that indicates the date NRCS will commit to CCRC to hold the public informational meeting. This will allow CCRC to plan for the next steps.

SPONSOR REPORTS

Commissioner Norm Lust reported the Clarke Soil and Water Conservation District was setting higher priorities for soil conservation practices on farm land in the county to control soil loss.

Commissioner Dan McIntosh reported that SIRWA was working on flood damage to waterlines and trying to repair washouts to prevent freezing of waterlines this winter. Information concerning the washouts had been included in SIRWA's newsletter and local newspapers.

There was nothing new to report from the other sponsors.

OTHER ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED BY COMMISSION MEMBERS

No items were presented for discussion.

OPPORTUNITY FOR CITIZENS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

No items were presented for discussion.

ADJOURN MEETING

Upon motion made by Commissioner Dan McIntosh, seconded by Commissioner Fred Diehl, the meeting was adjourned. Motion carried with a roll call vote.

Ayes: Commissioners Scott Busick, Fred Diehl, Harold Allen, Jr., Jack Cooley, Rick Buesch, Norm Lust, Sandy Kale, Dan McIntosh, and Anne Welker

Absent: Clarke County Conservation Board.

Secretary

THE NEXT MEETING OF THE CLARKE COUNTY RESERVOIR COMMISSION WAS SCHEDULED FOR THURSDAY, December 11, 2008 AT 9:00 A.M. AT THE CLARKE COUNTY DEVELOPMENT OFFICE, 115 EAST WASHINGTON STREET, OSCEOLA, IA.