

MINUTES
KCEDF SPECIAL MEETING OF AUGUST 4, 2014

PRESENT: Mike Lening, Sean Lening, Dennis Pearson, Jimmy Brown, Jerry Weber and Jan Richards. Guest present was Tom Haskell.

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM with the above parties present.

Jan related to the Board the extent of the damage to Jackson's Pond caused by the massive rainfall experienced July 29, 2014 in the Eads area. A state engineer was consulted to provide suggestions regarding repair. The engineer's suggestion was to drain the pond and "start over". This solution was not deemed acceptable so Jan contacted Tom Haskell, who owns and operates an excavation and dirt work company.

Haskell reported to the Board the dams on both the east and west ends of the pond were not significantly damaged by the flooding waters. It was noted Haskell had cut a two-foot deep trench on the east end of the pond in order to allow drainage of excess water to take pressure of the east dam. Haskell suggested reinforcing the east dam using rip-rap on the back side. He suggested utilizing limestone as it apparently works better than concrete. Haskell stated the cost of doing this work would likely range between \$4800-\$5400. The Board asked Haskell to draw up a formal bid and submit it to Jan for Board review. Haskell left the meeting at 7:00 PM.

Further discussion was held regarding repair and fortification of the dams and the pond. The Board expressed desire to have the pond damage included with other damage in the county if and when Kiowa County begins pursuit of FEMA funds to assist in repairs. Sean Lening then moved to obtain a formal bid for repairs from Haskell to repair both the east and west dams. The motion was seconded by Weber and passed unanimously.

Jan then distributed copies of a letter from Osborn, Griffith & Hargrove, who are a legal firm from Austin, Texas. The letter was addressed to V&S Railway, the current owners of the Towner Railroad Line. The law firm represents a potential buyer for the line who desires to operate it as a working railroad. The Board suggested contacting Colorado's elected government representatives to express support for the effort to purchase the railroad line.

The next Board meeting was not scheduled. Jan will contact Board members with the date and time of the next meeting. The meeting adjourned at 7:20 PM.