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BOARD MEETING MINUTES
APRIL 21, 2011
BLUFFS BUSINESS CENTER
10:30 A.M.

Call to order: The April 21, 2011 meeting of the Panhandle RC&D Board of Directors was called to order by President, Larry Gibbs at 10:30 a.m. Attendees included: President Larry Gibbs, City of Gering; Casper Corfield, Garden County; Mike Marker, Scotts Bluff County; Harold Winkelman, Cheyenne County; Larry Kenney, Deuel County, John-Robert Faden, Banner County; Dave Boeckner, City of Scottsbluff; Larry Engstrom, Kimball County; Bill Halligan, SPSNRD; Webb Johnson, Dawes County; Bill Patterson, City of Oshkosh; Dave Ostdiek, NPNRD. Guests: Jennifer Rogers, Senator Nelson's office. Staff: Joyce Mick, Program Support Assistant.

Approval of Consent Agenda: Larry Engstrom moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Seconded by Harold Winkelman. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Beginning balance \$15,983.50. Total receipts \$42,935.63. Total expenses \$10,424.58. Ending balance of \$48,494.55. Total in time cd's \$60,126.01. Total: \$108,620.56.

Bills to be Paid: Harold Winkelman moved to approve the bills to be paid in the amount of \$2,702.51. Seconded by Webb Johnson. Motion carried.

Jennifer Rogers with Senator Nelson's office came before the board to inform them that the Continuing Resolution for Fiscal year 2011 was passed to not fund the RC&D'S anymore. Discussion was held on the office furniture surplus to maybe donate it back to a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization.

RC&D Funding:

- ✚ Continuous of RC&D
- ✚ Financial resources
- ✚ Staffing

Much discussion was held on the above topics and also on the worst case scenario of disposal of all assets.

Webb Johnson moved that we continue the organization as long as the financial funding resources will last. Seconded by Larry Engstrom. Motion carried

Discussion on financial resources was the \$108,620.56 balance and with \$40,000.00 from the MOU with High Plains Weed Management Association will help with the financial matters.

Staffing of one employee paid by the Council is Joyce Mick. Ron Moore will retire on April 30th. He has showed interest in working part time for 20 hours a week and would be a good asset to the program with his knowledge of it. The executive committee (Larry Gibbs, Mike Marker, Dave Boeckner) will meet with him to discuss a contract with him. Discussion was held on not having a vehicle and reimbursing him whether it is for gasoline or mileage. Mike Marker moved to negotiate with Ron a contract and compensation package with the final approval of the board and to maintain Joyce at her current wage and current compensation. Seconded by Bill Patterson. Motion carried.

Gering Up Funds and No Till Funds: Mike Marker moved to declassify the designation of the Gering Up funds of \$1,000.00 and the No Till funds of \$12,345.89 for specific purpose and to incorporate them with the general funds. Seconded by Larry Kenney. Motion carried.

Funding of the Intertribal Gathering: After much discussion on providing direct financial funding to cover the deficit of the Intertribal Gathering event. Bill Patterson moved to not fund the Intertribal Gathering unless more money is available. Seconded by Webb Johnson. NAY vote by Dave Boeckner. Motion carried.

Telephone: Discussion was held on the different phone options available and was decided to check into them further. Mike Marker moved to authorize Joyce to explore Skype and give her the go ahead to sign up for it and if not allow her to continue to explore other options. Seconded by Larry Kenney. Motion carried.

Credit Cards: Discussion was held on getting two credit cards one for Ron and one for Joyce to use for business purpose only. Example will be that the phone company will be billed to the credit card monthly. Bill Patterson moved to authorize the application for two credit cards one in Joyce's name and one in Ron's name. Seconded by Dave Ostdiek. Motion carried.

Training of Gering City Clerk: Larry Gibbs asked the Board if it would be okay to have Joyce train the new Gering City Clerk. The Board gave permission to provide that it wouldn't be a priority, just when I can fit it in. Joyce will arrange for that to happen.

Grant Management: Ron Moore, Coordinator made a list of projects and highlighted the ones that are active. The Board is to look them over and will discuss at our next regular board meeting in May.

Harold Winkelman moved to table 2-15 on the project list until the next regular board meeting in May. Seconded by Mike Marker. Motion carried.

Harold Winkelman moved to authorize the current active project of High Plains Weed Management Association. Seconded by Webb Johnson. Motion carried.

Executive Session: Mike Marker moved to enter into executive session on personnel at 11:30 p.m. Seconded by Harold Winkelman. Motion carried.

Harold Winkelman moved to exit executive session at 11:42 p.m. Seconded by Mike Marker. Motion carried.

Harold Winkelman moved to leave it up to the executive board and give them latitude to use their own discretion on a salary package for Ron Moore and to work it out if possible, subject to final approval by the whole board. But giving the Board short term authorization to bring someone on at that level. Seconded by Larry Kenney.

The next regular meeting will be May 12, 2011 at 11:00 a.m.

Adjourn: Harold Winkelman moved to adjourn at 11:51 a.m. Seconded by Mike Marker. Motion carried.