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## BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Thursday August 13, 2009

11:00 A.M. to 11:55 A.M.

**Call to Order:** The August 13, 2009 meeting of the Panhandle RC&D Board of Directors was called to order by President Larry Gibbs at 11:00 A.M. Attendees included: President Larry Gibbs, City of Gering, Verlin Bruns, Deuel County Representative, Charles Weston, Box Butte County Representative, Ron Miller, Scottsbluff County Representative, Cheryl Burkhart-Kriesel, South Platte NRD Representative, Lonnie Miller, City of Terrytown, Harold Winkelman, Cheyenne County Representative, Webb Johnson, Dawes County Representative. Staff: Ron Moore, RC&D Coordinator, Joyce Mick, Program Assistant. Guest: Jennifer Rogers with Senator Nelson's Office.

**Approve Consent Agenda:** Motion made by Ron Miller to approve the Consent Agenda. Seconded by Charles Weston. Motion carried.

**Treasurer's Report:** The beginning balance was reported \$49,581.79. Receipts included NE Humanities, lodging, donation, cash sales \$1,894.00 for FIG, reimbursement from L. Gibbs \$40.00 for Council, refund from Domain Registry \$30.00 for Council, donation and prizes unclaimed \$210.00 for FIG, membership dues \$1,500.00. Expenses included \$6,926.43 for FIG, \$1,481.68 for Council, \$1,696.84 for payroll. Expenses totaled \$10,104.95. Ending balance of all accounts \$43,150.84.

**Addition to Approval of Bills:** Cheryl Burkhart-Kriesel moved to approve the bills to be paid totaling \$390.14. Seconded by Lonnie Miller. Motion carried.

### Reports:

**Friends of the Intertribal Gathering:** Ron Moore reported that the monies are coming in slowly and that what we are expecting for dollars to come in from.

**Banner County Wind Energy:** Ron Moore reported that someone is starting a State Nebraska Wind Association and wants Banner County to join. This group has heard an attorney from Cheyenne and he has found some problems with the contract and they are working on that.

**Kiwanis Theme Park:** Ron Moore reported that the playground equipment is here and volunteers will be assembling it this week. Volunteers are needed to get it done by Sunday.

**Committee Report for State Association Meeting:** Ron Moore handed out the agenda's for the meeting and if they see anything wrong to call Joyce. They will be mailed out at the end of the week. Verlin Bruns reported that they had not received any nominations for awards to be given.

**Old Business:** None.

**New Business:**

Charles Weston moved to approve \$90.00 for purchase of stamps. Seconded by Ron Miller. Motion carried.

Ron Moore reported that High Plains Weed Management Project Manager Dennis Beyer retired and that Paul Beaver will be the new Manager.

The Annual Plan for 2009 and the draft for the Two Year Work Plan for 2010 and 2011 was handed out and to report any changes, additions, correction are to have them for the next regular Board meeting.

Verlin Bruns moved to approve the signature of the Amendment #3 to Cooperative Agreement from NRCS. Seconded by Cheryl Burkhart-Kriesel. Motion carried.

Much discussion was held on the upcoming 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Panhandle RC&D and that we are the oldest RC&D in the State. Board members are to be thinking on how to promote this and come with ideas. Joyce will email all Board members to be thinking about this. It was discussed to allow time at meetings to work on this. Ron Miller moved to purchase 3000 anniversary seals. Seconded by Charles Weston. Motion carried.

The Board approved for Joyce Mick, Program Assistant to get her notary.

Jennifer Rogers with Senator Nelson's office reported that the reason the wording of the bill meant that the Secretary of Ag was to determine the need for RC&D's and that all RC&D's should be self sufficient. She also reported that September 21<sup>st</sup> the Secretary of Ag and Secretary of Interior will be visiting here in Scottsbluff.

Motion made by Cheryl Burkhart-Kriesel to adjourn at 11:55 A.M. Seconded by Lonnie Miller. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned by President, Larry Gibbs.