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## BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, December 10, 2009

11:00 a.m. to 11:47 a.m.

**Call to Order:** The December 10, 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, Bill Patterson, City of Oshkosh, Verlin Bruns, Deuel County Representative, Terry McCord, Garden County Representative, Ron Miller, Scottsbluff County Representative, Dave Boeckner, City of Scottsbluff, Lonnie Miller, City of Terrytown, Ron Klemkle, City of Oshkosh, Dave Ostdiek, North Platte NRD, Harold Winkelman, Cheyenne County Representative. Staff: Ron Moore, RC&D Coordinator, and Joyce Mick, Program Assistant.

**Approve Consent Agenda:** Motion by Bill Patterson to approve the Consent Agenda. Seconded by Terry McCord. Motion carried.

**Treasurer's Report:** The beginning balance was reported \$51,726.25. Receipts included State of Nebraska – 2009 State Conference registrations \$2,000.00 for Council; No-Till registrations \$7,594.38 for No-Till; Chadron State College membership \$25.00 for Bridges to Buttes; City of Minatare membership \$300.00 for Council; Northeast RC&D – 2009 State Conference reimbursement \$2083.32 for Council; Joyce White – donation \$425.00 for FIG. Expenses included Connecting Point for Council \$115.56; Allo Communications for Council \$25.00; Mike's Screenprinting for No-Till \$960.00; North Platte Valley Museum for Council \$26.00; Ron Moore for Council \$74.88; Stephen-Foosler for Council \$185.50; Ideal Linen for No-Till \$77.50; payroll expenses for Council \$2,545.56. Expenses totaled \$4,010.00. Ending balance of all accounts \$60,143.95.

**Approval of Bills to be paid:** Dave Boeckner moved to approve the bills to be paid totaling \$12,466.45. Seconded by Lonnie Miller. Motion carried.

### Coordinator Reports:

Ron Moore, Coordinator presented the final Area Plan to the board and discussion was held on the wind energy project. Joyce Mick reported to the board that she received a phone call from Congressman Smith's office responding on the letter written to help support training on wind tribunes at WNCC. "They are aware of the matter and are in contact with two different people at WNCC."

### Old Business:

**Western Conference:** The Western Conference is the last week of January and first week of February in Missoula, Montana. Terry McCord moved to approve Verlin Bruns to attend the conference, but then amended to approve a second individual to attend. Seconded by Lonnie Miller. Motion carried.

**New Business:**

Discussion was held on the new project that was submitted to the Council “Producing Rural Generations. Lonnie Miller moved to support the project and that the information that is collected be passed onto the board and to support the project financially of a total of \$500.00. Seconded by Ron Klemkle. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on wind energy and that we need to contact the legislative members, Power Review Board, all county commissioners and Nebraska Municipal Power Pool for their support. Ron Miller moved to send a form letter to all legislative members, Power Review Board, Nebraska Municipal Power Pool, all county commissioners. Seconded by Ron Klemkle. Motion carried.

Ron Miller suggested that we have a policy when writing a grant that we suggest that we get publicity for supporting and helping with project.

Discussion on the annual meeting of inviting all the projects and maybe recognize them and have the media cover it. It was decided to fine out the cost to hold it someplace else and to report back to the board at the January meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 11:47 a.m. by President, Larry Gibbs.