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## BOARD MEETING MINUTES JANUARY 13, 2011

**Call to order:** The January 13, 2011 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; Larry Engstrom, Kimball County; Casper Corfield, Garden County; Harold Winkelman, Cheyenne County; Mike Marker, Scotts Bluff County; Larry Kenney, Deuel County; Ron Klemke, City of Oshkosh; Cheryl Burkhart-Kriesel, South Platte NRD; Ron Miller, Scotts Bluff County; Dave Ostdiek, North Platte NRD; Bill Patterson, City of Oshkosh; Lonnie Miller, City of Terrytown. Staff: Ron Moore, RC&D Coordinator; Joyce Mick, Program Support Assistant.

Introduction of new Board Members was Casper Corfield with Garden County, Larry Engstrom with Kimball County.

**Approval of Consent Agenda:** Ron Klemke moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Seconded by Harold Winkelman. Motion Carried.

**Treasurer's Report and Bills to be paid:** Harold Winkelman moved to approve the Treasurer's Report as follows: Beginning balance \$76,777.92. Total receipts \$12,895.07 and total expenditures \$68,538.30 leaving a balance of \$21,134.69 on hand. \$60,000.00 was transferred into Time CD's. Bills to be paid in the amount of \$1,272.31. Seconded by Bill Patterson. Motion carried.

### **REPORTS:**

**RC&D Coordinator Reports:** Ron Moore discussed the annual meeting which was going to be held February 10, 2011 and due to too many conflicts it was changed to February 3, 2011 at the Gering Civic Center. Craig Derickson State Conservationist was asked to attend this event and will not be able to attend. All committees will be asked to give a brief update on the happenings of that committee.

The nominating committee for election of officers is Mike Marker, Chairman, Dave Boeckner and Cheryl Burkhart-Kriesel. The lunch will consist of a sandwich and soup. Awards will be given to members of the Board going off. Invitations will be sent out to each of them.

A copy of the quarterly report for High Plains Weed Management Association was given to each Board member explaining what was done for the quarter of October – December 2010.

Ron Moore explained LB 229 that \$7million dollars a year will be dispensed to other groups starting July 2011. Dave Ostdiek will gather information for the annual meeting to be shared.

Nebraska Arts Council has awarded a grant to the Intertribal Gathering 2011 in the amount of \$4,045.00. Ron Moore explained that he would like to apply for a grant through the Santa Fe Nebraska Humanities & Tobacco for \$10,000.00 and another grant to Running Strong for American Indian Youth for \$2,000.00.

Ron Moore explained that we may be getting \$8,000-\$10,000 from NRCS for a special project. We will have two years to spend it on soil health, water, or community development project. The board felt that we should participate, Ron Miller, Dave Ostdiek and Larry Gibbs were appointed to identify what project would be best.

**OLD BUSINESS:** None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Western RC&D Conference:** Any Board member interested in attending the Western RC&D Conference is to let Ron or Joyce know.

Discussion was held on not having a regular meeting in February, due to the Annual meeting on February 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Ron Moore said that we will be getting an extra \$10,000.00 which would total \$39,000 or \$40,000 this year from NRCS.

**CIG Grant of Organic Farming:** Ron Moore registered Panhandle RC&D and this grant will be administrated by NRCS and due to not getting the Letter of Intent in by December 28, 2010 we will have to look at doing it next year.

**Gary Bergman/State Fair Help:** They are asking for financial and staffs help. Ron Moore said to let them know that we have 2 – 10feet by 8 feet display panels that they could use. No action taken on the financial or staffs help.

**National Leadership Form:** Lonnie Miller moved to approve a Letter of Support to be sent by February 7, 2011. Seconded by Mike Marker. Motion carried.

**Conflict of Interest Forms:** These forms were handed out to be read and signed and returned back to Joyce as this is to be done annually.

Ron Klemke moved to adjourn at 11:45 a.m. Seconded by Cheryl Burkhart-Kriesel. Motion carried.