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BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, June 5, 2008

2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Call to Order: The June 5, 2008 meeting of the Panhandle RC&D Council was called to order at 2:15 p.m. by President Gary Fisher. Those present at the meeting were: Larry Gibbs, City of Gering Representative; Rachel Gibson, Village of Henry; President Gary Fisher, Dawes County; Lonnie Miller, City of Terrytown, Verlin Bruns, Treasurer Deuel County Representative; Ron Miller, Scotts Bluff County; Joe Nunn, Sioux County; and Cheryl Burkhart-Kriesel, South Platte NRD.

Staff present were: Ron Moore and Jennifer Rogers.

Due to a lack of quorum at the beginning of the meeting, non-voting business was attended to.

Project Updates: Ron Miller went through some project updates, including the status of Chappell Lake Restoration, Big Springs Memorial Flag and Pond Project, and the Organic Farming Initiative. Chappell Lake has a local committee that is working to do some preliminary clean-up of the pond, and they will then be working with the South Platte NRD on more extensive work. Big Springs is currently working with DEQ to see if they might be able to fund their project. The Organic Farming Initiative is underway, including the search for local project people. Ron Miller has put in his application to be the local coordinator. The High Plains ag lab may be having some information coming together soon that might be beneficial to this project.

HPWMA Committee Report: Ron and Jennifer gave information on what is currently happening with High Plains Weed Management Association, including their landowner and contractor meetings, as well as their status on picking their Board of Directors, which will be officially announced soon. Next month, Project Manager Dennis Beyer will have more detailed information on projects and other implementation things that are underway.

FIG Budget: Ron Moore briefly went through the Friends of the Intertribal Gathering projected budget, and discussed the income that is confirmed. The major unknowns at this point are the final costs on the programs that Outlaw Printers are putting together, as well as the travel expenses by Ruthann Knudson, who will be giving a talk on the Red Cloud Agency during the Powwow. There is currently on pending grant application from Blue Cross/Blue Shield for \$5000.

Nebraska RC&D Association Nominating Committee/Awards: The nomination deadline for this year's Nebraska RC&D awards is August 10th, and the Council needs a nominating committee as well as an individual to be in charge of reviewing the submissions from other RC&D's that are assigned to Panhandle RC&D. Cheryl Burkhart-Kriesel volunteered to be in charge of the Nominations process. Possible options for the Spirit of Nebraska Award include: Sugar Valley Rally Group, Hod Kosman and the Platte River group, the Eldridge Foundation for their work on the Knight Museum. Possible Sponsor nominations include: High Plains Weed Management Association, the NRDs, and the Friends of the Intertribal Gathering Committee. Jennifer will poll the group to get more input from the Board on who should be included in the categories to be considered for nominations.

Work Plan Committee: Larry Gibbs offered to be a part of the Work Plan committee that needs to be completed with Ron soon.

Budget Committee: The 2008-2009 fiscal year projected budget committee needs to be formed to assist Jennifer in putting together this year's budget. Lonnie Miller and Gary Fisher volunteered, and Jennifer said she would ask Gary Grubbs if he would be willing to serve again this year.

Program Assistant Report: The only thing Jennifer had other than what had already been discussed was the fact that June 4, 2008 was her one year anniversary at RC&D. She thanked the board and said she has really enjoyed her time with RC&D so far.

Agenda: A motion was made by Larry Gibbs to approve the June 5, 2008 Agenda; seconded by Lonnie Miller. Motion passed.

Approval minutes: Ron Miller made a motion to approve the minutes from the May 8, 2008 meeting, with a second by Verlin Bruns. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: Members went through Treasurer's Report briefly, as it was sent out prior to the meeting for review. A motion was made by Joe Nunn to accept the June 5, 2008 Treasurer's Report; seconded by Ron Miller. Motion passed.

Approval of Bills: The June Bills-to-be-Paid includes: Allo Communications, \$25.00; Dana Cole (Payroll/Accounting Services), \$400.00; Krieder Insurance, \$775.59. A motion was made by Larry Gibbs to approve the Bills-to-be-Paid; seconded by Joe Nunn. Motion passed.

HPWMA Committee Report: Jennifer presented an invoice that she put together for the quarterly money to be reimbursed by High Plains to RC&D for the board's approval. Motion made by Larry Gibbs to accept and present the invoice to High Plains Weed Management Association; seconded by Cheryl Burkhart-Kriesel. Motion passed.

Funding Request: Ron Moore reported that the Pine Ridge Teacher's Institute sponsored by UNL Extension/Dawes County is requesting \$250 for this year's Institute. Last year, RC&D gave \$500. The group is also requesting funds for other projects, but the specifics aren't known at this time. Motion made by Verlin Bruns to provide support in the amount of \$500 for all three projects; seconded by Joe Nunn. Lonnie Miller brought up the possibility of providing the \$250 right now to the Institute, and then waiting to see what money would be available in the upcoming year's budget since the other projects are not in need of support at this time. Verlin made a motion to amend his previous motion to provide the Pine Ridge Teacher's Institute with \$250 and to wait until the 2008 fiscal year budget is complete on the other projects; seconded by Joe Nunn. Motion passed.

FIG Withdrawal: Ron Moore reported that this year's Intertribal Gathering will be in need of \$19,000 in a cash withdrawal to cover the expenses over the three day weekend, including honoraria and staffing. Verlin Bruns will be attending again this year to be in charge of the money that comes in and out. Motion made by Larry Gibbs to approve the \$19,000 cash withdrawal for the Ninth Annual Friends of the Intertribal Gathering June 13-1, 2008; seconded by Cheryl Burkhart-Kriesel. Motion passed.

Adjournment: A motion was made by Cheryl Burkhart-Kriesel to adjourn the June 5, 2008 meeting of the Panhandle RC&D Board of Directors; seconded by Larry Gibbs. Motion passed.

With no further business, at 3:15 p.m., President Gary Fisher adjourned the meeting.