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BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, November 13, 2008

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

Call to Order: The November 13, 2008 Meeting of the Panhandle RC&D Board of Directors was called to order by President Gary Fisher at 1:59. Attendees included: President Gary Fisher, Dawes County; Ron Miller, Scotts Bluff County; Treasurer Verlin Bruns, Deuel County; Harold Winkelman, Cheyenne County; Lonnie Miller, City of Terrytown; Larry Gibbs, City of Gering; Roger Gray, City of Oshkosh; Vice-President Ron Klemke, City of Oshkosh; Terry McCord, Garden County; Gary Grubbs, Banner County; and Mike Marker, Scotts Bluff County.

Staff: Ron Moore and Jennifer Rogers

Guests: Rich Hoffman with the Friends of the Intertribal Gathering Committee and Kerry Schnase from Senator Nelson's office.

Approve Agenda: Motion to approve the agenda made by Harold Winkelman; seconded by Ron Klemke. Motion carried.

Minutes: Motion to approve the October 16, 2008 Minutes by Ron Klemke; seconded by Harold Winkelman. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Verlin Bruns went through the November 13, 2008 Treasurer's Report. The report included receipts in the amount of \$5,100 for the No-Till Conference sponsorships and registration fees; \$300 in dues for the Council; and \$50 for the Council for its winning booth at the state Conference, totaling \$5,450.00. Expenses totaled \$5,358.98, bringing the ending cash balance for all accounts to \$50,877.25. Motion made by Ron Klemke to accept the November 14, 2008 Treasurer's Report; seconded by Terry McCord. Motion Carried

Approval of Bills: Motion made by Ron Miller to approve the bills-to-be-paid as presented; seconded by Larry Gibbs. Motion carried.

Reports

Program Assistant Report: Jennifer reported that Leadership Scottsbluff is still going really well. She also gave an updated list of the members that have and haven't paid for this year. It was suggested that there needs to be a detailed list of all of the past and current projects by area in order for potential members to understand the benefits that the RC&D is bringing to their area.

High Plains WMA Report: Ron and Jennifer reported that there will be a High Plains contractor's meeting at the Civic Center on November 21 in order to get them up-to-date on some of the changes that are going to be implemented for the project. Project Manager Dennis Beyer will give the rest of the report at the Annual Meeting.

Friends of the Intertribal Gathering: Ron reported that on December 7th, the Friends of the Intertribal Gathering will be holding a handcrafted gift auction to benefit next year's Intertribal Gathering. The auction will be held at the Dawes County Fairgrounds. In addition, the grant to the Nebraska Arts Council for next year's Gathering is currently under review.

Old Business

Western Association Conference: Those members that will be able to attend the Western Association Conference in January include: Ron Miller, Verlin Bruns, and Roger Gray. Motion made by Lonnie Miller to pay the expenses of up to three members to attend the 2009 Conference; seconded by Harold Winkelman. Motion carried.

2009 State Association Meeting: Presenter Carla Neidenstrichs who works for the Gering Civic Center attended the meeting to present to the Council what the Civic Center can offer for next year's State Association Conference. Carla handed out a bid proposal that outlines everything the Civic Center will be able to do as the host of the Conference. The target dates of October 5-7 are available, as well as the alternate dates of the 6-8 depending on the requirements of the last day. The Civic Center also hosted the Conference when Panhandle RC&D first held it in 1998 in the Panhandle. Motion made to hold the 2009 State Association Conference at the Gering Civic Center by Mike Marker; seconded by Verlin Bruns. Motion carried. A committee consisting of Larry Gibbs, Verlin Bruns, Ron Klemke, Roger Gray and Ron Miller was formed to begin planning on the dates and to come up with ideas for additional committees. The committee will verify with the State Association that the preferred dates of October 5 – 7 will work for them as well.

New Business

Project Proposal: The City of Terrytown is requesting assistance on developing and maintaining a website. Jennifer will be able to assist the City and its administrator with this at a much cheaper cost. Motion to approve the project proposal by Larry Gibbs; seconded by Terry McCord. Motion carried.

Annual Bus Tour Proposal: This was an idea that some of the Council members wanted to bring up as a possibility in the future. The idea is that maybe RC&D needs to become more involved with Senior Citizen groups and offer short day trips to the different attractions in the local area in order to get more interest in the local industries. No action needed at this time.

Organic Farming workshop: Panhandle RC&D will be hosting another organic workshop on December 15th from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m. at the Bluffs Business Center Board Room with Council approval. Motion made to hold an organic farming workshop on December 15th beginning at 2:00 p.m. by Terry McCord; seconded by Lonnie Miller. Motion carried.

Motion made by Larry Gibbs to adjourn the meeting and begin the Annual Meeting after a short break; seconded by Verlin Bruns. Motion carried. At 2:55 p.m., the meeting was adjourned by President Gary Fisher.