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## BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, October 15, 2009

11:00 a.m. to 11:42 a.m.

**Call to Order:** The October 15, 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, Harold Winkelman, Cheyenne County Representative, Verlin Bruns, Deuel County Representative, Ron Miller, Scottsbluff County Representative, Gary Grubbs, Banner County Representative, Lonnie Miller, City of Terrytown Representative, Mike Marker, Scottsbluff County Representative, Josh Skovdahl, Sioux County Representative. Staff: Ron Moore, RC&D Coordinator Joyce Mick, Program Assistant.

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

**Treasurer's Report:** The beginning balance was reported \$57,126.11. Receipts included memberships \$75.00 for Bridges to Buttes; memberships and registrations \$4,701.00; Billy's Bata Burritos \$250.00 for FIG. Expenses included \$500.00 to Scottsbluff Public Library for Sustainability; \$1,000.00 to Soil Food Web for Council; payroll expense \$1,696.84 for Council; \$28.25 to Print Express for Council; \$1,250.00 to Ameristar for Council; \$25.00 Allo Communications for Council; \$634.94 to Mulligan's for Council; \$7.06 Print Express for Council; \$175.00 to eVentful Friends for Council; \$79.92 to Gering Bakery for Council; \$60.99 Valley Bank and Trust for Council; \$70.00 to J.G. Elliott for Council. Expenses totaled \$5,528.00. Ending balance of all accounts \$56,624.11

**Approval of Bills to be paid:** Ron Miller moved to approve the bills to be paid totaling \$7,896.26. Seconded by Mike Marker. Motion carried.

### Coordinator Reports:

Ron Moore, Coordinator reported to the board that there are a lot of projects that are being worked on and that we are very busy. He went through each project and explained to the Board what was happening with each one:

- Banner County Wind Energy – getting ready for a conference next month
- Bridges to Buttes – was dormant for one year and is starting up
- Valley Visions' – tree planting being done and helped Kiwanis with playground equipment and that there was 640 volunteers and are working on an arbtrium for the River Front Project
- Tri City Sustainability – working with Al Herbel and the committee to adopt a plan for the City of Scottsbluff, City of Gering and the City of Terrytown and then meet with them to do a self evaluation and what they want to implement in the plan

- Big Springs Pond – have to get a packet together
- Friends of Intertribal Gathering – working on raising monies for the event
- Running Water Ranching Coalition - ?
- PILLS – they need handicap accessibility and help find grant money
- Mitchell Park – working on parking lot and beautification and find monies
- Christian School Board Development – they haven't submitted project papers, but want to have board training
- Organic Farming – We along with several other RC&D's state wide, have a grant for another year – Soil Health we got good information to give out but it costs a lot and need more information to put publication together, had two workshops in the past and only three growers showed up – need to know where to go to market this
- HPWMA – takes a lot of Joyce's time and very little of Ron's time
- 17 Ranch Winery Blue Festival – did brochures
- Garden County Health Foundation - At this time they do not need any help but they are still down as a project.
- Oshkosh – Museum – They want to use our tax identification number by becoming a project
- Sidney Watershed Project – This is with the NRD and Sidney, they need help with funding
- Hemingford Youth Center – help with board development and formation
- Chappell Recreation Area – over one million dollars project and is tabled at this time.
- Gering-Up – need help getting a 501(c) 3
- Buckboard Therapeutic Riding Academy – no activity
- Henry Betterment Group – no activity
- Henry School – rehabilitation of old school
- Central Irrigation Diversion Dam- look for funding and this project will go along with the River Front Project
- No-Till – work on putting conference together for December
- Area Plan – due end of month
- NRCS - \$20,000.00 application not done
- Points – government reporting on computer needs done

Discussion was held on contacting the projects that have no activity and see if they can be removed from the list. Ron suggested that we can accept more projects but put them on a waiting list.

The Annual State Conference went well, had good training sessions and good support from Council Members. Evaluations that were received back from attendees were good. Lonnie Miller thanked Ron and Joyce for all there help and support.

Discussion was held on the State RC&D Association dues to raise them to from \$300.00 to \$500.00. It is still under debate and will have a Council conference call. Lonnie Miller moved to support up to \$500.00 increase of dues. Mike Marker seconded the motion. Motion carried except for one nay by Gary Grubbs.

Verlin Bruns moved to pay National RC&D dues of \$450.00. Seconded by Gary Grubbs. Motion carried.

Mike Marker moved to purchase a software antivirus at Connecting Point for \$49.00 and to install it at \$29.50 per half hour. Seconded by Verlin Bruns. Motion carried.

Ron Moore asked that every Board member look over the area plan and be ready to discuss and make changes at the workshop meeting on October 27, 2009 at 10:30 A.M.

The meeting was adjourned by President, Larry Gibbs.