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**BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
SEPTEMBER 15, 2011  
1517 BROADWAY, SUITE 101  
11:00 A.M.**

**Call to order:** The September 15, 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; Mike Marker, Scotts Bluff County; Harold Winkelman, Cheyenne County; Casper Corfield, Garden County; Dave Ostdiek, North Platte NRD; Larry Engstrom, Kimball County; Dave Boeckner, City of Scottsbluff; Bill Halligan, South Platte NRD. Staff: Ron Moore, Executive Director; Joyce Mick, Program Support Assistant.

**Approval of Consent Agenda:** Harold Winkelman moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Seconded by Mike Marker. Motion carried.

**Treasurer's Report:** Beginning balance of \$63,088.87. Total receipts \$2,650.00. Total expenses \$38,295.00. Ending balance of \$27,443.87. Total in cd's \$60,371.62 and savings \$25,000.00. Total \$112,815.49.

**Bills to be Paid:** Ron Miller moved to approve the bills to be paid in the amount of \$951.69. Seconded by Harold Winkelman. Motion carried.

**Credit Card:** Discussion was held on the due date of the credit card and our payment was being received late and getting charged a late charge. Mike Marker moved to approve to pay the credit card up to \$200.00 in advance before the due date and before the regular meeting of Panhandle RC&D, and then list it on the bills to be paid for Board approval. Seconded by Ron Miller. Motion carried.

**Travel Expenses:** Discussion on paying in advance for travel expenses was decided to do that by email vote.

**Executive Director's Report:** Ron Moore reported to the Board that he applied for a Nebraska Environmental Trust grant for Soil Health in the amount of \$136,300.00.

He presented an annual budget for Panhandle RC&D as a working document.

He again reminded and asked if any of the Board members would be able to attend the State Conference October 4-6<sup>th</sup> in McCook. Ron will be the only person going to the event. Discussion was held to appoint a Board member if in attendance at the State Conference and Ron Moore as alternate to vote at the State meeting. Mike Marker moved to approve a Board member if present to vote or Ron Moore as alternate. Seconded by Ron Miller. Motion carried.

Ron informed the Board that a No-till conference is scheduled for February 22, and 23<sup>rd</sup>, and that he is applying for a PIE grant of \$3,000.00. Mark Watson's laptop has died and the committee would like to use monies from the No-till account to buy him a new laptop. Ron is polling the votes from the committee and the Board has no problem with this expense.

The Intertribal Gathering was recognized and award as one of the Top 100 Events in North America from the American Bus Association for 2012. A bus tour is estimated to bring in \$5,000.00 to \$11,000.00 to boost the economy. Ron Moore asked the Board if they want to continue as a fiscal agent for the Gathering. Mike Marker moved to support the Intertribal Gathering and to submit monies for administration fees in all grant writing, and no financial support from the Board. Seconded by Dave Ostdiek. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on the Western Nebraska Tourism Coalition dues of \$50.00. They will help advertise the event on their website and help support the Intertribal Gathering with a donation. Harold Winkelman moved to pay the membership dues of \$50.00 to Western Nebraska Tourism Coalition. Seconded by Dave Boeckner. Motion carried.

**Executive Session:** Mike Marker moved to entered into executive session at 11:20 a.m. on personnel issues. Seconded by Larry Engstrom. Motion carried.

Mike Marker moved to exit the executive session at 11:31 a.m. Seconded by Harold Winkelman. Motion carried.

Mike Marker informed Joyce Mick that a \$500.00 a month increase retroactive back to March was given to her.

Joyce Mick thanked the Board and told them that she was very appreciative of it.

**Adjourn:** Dave Boeckner moved to adjourn at 11:36 a.m. Seconded by Mike Marker. Motion carried.

Next regular meeting will be October 13<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 a.m.