



Resource Conservation & Development, Inc.

Empowering Citizens to Build Strong Communities

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On October 7-9 the twelve Resource Conservation & Development (RC&D) Council representatives and staff gathered at Eugene T. Mahoney State Park to hold the 2008 Nebraska State RC&D Association Annual Conference, sponsored by Great Plains RC&D located in David City. Representatives from Panhandle RC&D in Scottsbluff included Verlin Bruns, Council Treasurer; Ron Miller, Council Member; Ron Moore, Coordinator; and Jennifer Rogers Program Support Assistant. The conference provided the opportunity for representatives to hear speakers on many different subjects, a tour of notable RC&D projects within the Great Plains RC&D's coverage area, and to hold its Annual Meeting.

On Tuesday, October 7th, the State Association honored the following individuals and organizations during their awards banquet, including three awards for Panhandle RC&D:

Council of the Year

Council Member of the Year

Best Council Display

Panhandle RC&D

Verlin Bruns, Panhandle RC&D

Panhandle RC&D

Program Support Assistant of the Year

Coordinator of the Year

Youth Award

Spirit of Nebraska

Sponsor of the Year

Donna Wright, North Central RC&D

Leroy Jons, Loup Basin RC&D

Wrangler's 4-H erikson

Bob Porter and Doc Gigstad

Lower Platte North NRD

Council Member Verlin Bruns, Panhandle RC&D Treasurer, and recipient of the Council Member of the Year award has been a part of the RC&D organization for seven years. Verlin is a retired banker and currently lives in Chappell. Verlin is always ready and willing to go above and beyond the regular duties of a Council Member and has always been active in many different RC&D projects. Verlin is also currently serving a two-year term as the State Association Treasurer.

Verlin Bruns also accepted the Council of the Year award (see picture) on behalf of the Panhandle RC&D Council. As mentioned before, the RC&D Council prides itself on bringing outside resources and concerned citizens and leaders together to the table in order for them to have their voices heard. By encompassing the motto "To Empower Citizens to Build Strong Communities," the Panhandle RC&D Council is able to be a starting point and a resource, as well as a leader for local projects. The RC&D Council continuously strives to be the base upon which people can stand in order to provide valuable benefits to everyone.



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Panhandle Resource Conservation and Development, Inc. is a public benefit, 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that is committed to assisting local communities through our five areas of focus: economic development, recreation and tourism, natural resources improvement, community improvement, and education. Panhandle RC&D is a part of the twelve Nebraska RC&D areas that cover and serve all 93 Nebraska counties. Panhandle RC&D is a member organization, with a governing council of local citizens and governments focused on finding resources to benefit our local communities. The council has an on-going mission to review and accept project proposals from local communities, organizations, and other nonprofit organizations. Once supported by RC&D, these local betterment projects can receive administrative, financial, grant-seeking, and development assistance through council committees/task forces, as well as RC&D staff. To learn more about Panhandle RC&D, please visit www.panhandlercd.org or call (308) 632-1311.

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