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BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Thursday May 14, 2009
11:00 A.M. TO 11:57 A.M.

Call to Order: The May 14, 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, Charles Weston, Box Butte County, Ron Klemke, City of Oshkosh, Lonnie Miller, City of Terrytown, Dave Ostidek, North Platte NRD, Harold Winkelman, Cheyenne County, Gary Grubbs, Banner County, Cheryl Burkhart-Kriesel. Staff: Ron Moore, RC&D Coordinator, Joyce Mick, Program Assistant. Guest: Jennifer Rogers with Senator Nelson's office.

Approve Consent Agenda: Motion made by Ron Klemke to approve the Consent Agenda; seconded by Dave Ostidek. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Since Verlin Bruns was not in attendance Larry Gibbs asked Ron Moore to read the Treasurer's Report. The beginning balance was reported as \$61607.41. Receipts included \$370.00 from the sustainability conference; \$10000.00 from High Plains Weed Management; \$2000.00 from Fig. Receipts totaled \$12370.00. Expenses included \$2545.26 for payroll expenses; \$1988.25 for sustainability conference; \$50.00 for Fig; \$616.94 for Council. Expenses totaled \$5200.45. Ending Balance of all accounts \$68776.96

Approval of Bills: KSDZ for \$104.10 and Midwest Mailing Solutions for \$210.00 was removed from the list of bills for approval. Motion made by Charles Weston to approve the bills-to-be paid as presented; seconded by Cheryl Burkhart-Kriesel. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on the Treasurer's Report and the Bills for Approval. The Board wants more of a description of what each item is. It was agreed that this will be corrected for the next regular meeting of the Board.

Reports:

Scottsbluff Kiwanis Theme Park and Big Springs Pond was added to the agenda.

National RC&D Conference:

Ron Moore reported that Larry Gibbs was going and asked if anyone else from the Board would like to go. The conference will be held June 14-15-16-17, 2009 in Albuquerque, NM. If anyone was interested they are to let Ron Moore know.

Coordinator Reports

Friends of the Intertribal Gathering: This event will be held June 12-13-14, 2009 and posters are being made and distributed. Agenda for the event was discussed. Wal-Mart will sell lawn chairs to FIG at cost and then re-sell and use this for a fund raiser. There will be over 20 vendors and Ron

Moore will be needing help with the money situation on Sunday. Ron Moore will email the Board as to how much help he will need. Prizes given out will not exceed \$600.00 for 1099 reporting purposes. Discussion was held to change the board meeting to June 10, 2009. This year new events include crowning of a Princess, a flag ceremony, which the flag was flown over the Twin Towers.

Banner County Wind Energy Association: Ron Moore reported that they have formed an LLC and that Terrigen is contracting property owners in the area. There is legislation in Lincoln that will allow NPPD to forgo eminent domain. Presuming 600 windmills are put in; there will be an income of \$118 million over five years to the County.

Scottsbluff Kiwanis Theme Park: RC& D is just helping the volunteers raise the funds needed. Ron Moore explained the Community Component Purchase list and other fund raisers.

Big Springs Pond: This project is a trail around their pond. They are asking for assistance in applying for ITEA monies.

Committee Reports for State Association Meeting: About \$3000.00 will be needed to fund this meeting and will be raised by registrations and displays and possible ask monies from each RC&D. Board needs to set a time and date as to when it will start either on Sunday or late Monday morning. Lonnie Miller with Dana Cole and Cheryl Burkhart-Kriesel will be making presentations. We are behind schedule on this and will have a meeting before June 10, 2009. Ron Moore will send tentative agenda to State and get an answer back from them for any suggestions. It was suggested to have something on organic farming. Ron Moore also reported that there would not be a problem to have a four-person scramble at the golf course on Sunday evening.

Old Business: Larry Gibbs reported to the Board that Senator Johannes is in support of the RC&D's as is Congressman Adrian Smith. Jennifer Rogers has been present at our board meetings and is a strong indication of Senator Nelson's support the program. Ron Moore stated that our congressional delegation has a history of strong support for the RC&D Program.

Motion made by Cheryl Burkhart-Kriesel to pay \$790.00 annually for Directors & Officers Liability, seconded by Lonnie Miller. Motion carried.

New Business: There was no new business.

Motion made by Cheryl Burkhart-Kriesel to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Ron Klemke. Motion carried. At 11:57 a.m., the meeting was adjourned by President Larry Gibbs.