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## BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, November 12, 2009

11:00 a.m. to 11:45 a.m.

**Call to Order:** The November 12, 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, Webb Johnson, Dawes County Representative, Verlin Bruns, Deuel County Representative, Bill Patterson, City of Oshkosh, Harold Winkelman, Cheyenne County Representative, Rick Soper, Kimball County Representative, Terry McCord, Garden County Representative, Mike Marker, Scottsbluff County Representative, Dave Ostdiek, North Platte NRD, Gary Grubbs, Banner County Representative, Dave Boeckner, City of Scottsbluff, Ron Klemkle City of Oshkosh, Cheryl Burkhart-Kriesel, South Platte NRD. 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 Webb Johnson. Motion carried.

**Treasurer's Report:** The beginning balance was reported \$56,624.11. Receipts included Valley Bank & Trust refund \$44.94 for Council; memberships \$750.00 for Council; Chadron Native American donation \$1200.00 for FIG; memberships \$50.00 for Bridges to Buttes; NE RC&D donation \$100.00 for Council; Pine Ridge Conservation donation \$700.00 for FIG; Ron Moore meal \$25.00 for Council; Conference/registrations \$250.00 for Council; Charles Carllson donation \$750.00 for FIG 2010; Conference/registrations \$825.00 for No-Till. Expenses included \$250.00 to Rubidoux Pass Band for Council; \$25.00 to Allo Communications for Council; payroll expense \$1696.54 for Council; \$83.46 to Connecting Point for Council; \$250.00 to Farm & Ranch Museum for Council; \$3849.49 to Gering Civic Center for Council; \$14.95 to Hostmonster for Council; \$25.00 to Joel Klammer for Council; \$50.69 to Joyce Mick for Council; \$450.00 to National Association RC&D for Council; \$25.00 to Tammy Timms for Council; \$436.47 to The Meat Shoppe for Council; \$1980.00 to USPS for No-Till; \$356.20 to Verlin Bruns for Council; \$100.00 for Five Rivers RC&D for Council. Expenses totaled \$9592.80. Ending balance of all accounts \$51,726.25.

**Approval of Bills to be paid:** Mike Marker moved to approve the bills to be paid totaling \$1,386.94. Seconded by Harold Winkelman. Motion carried.

### Coordinator Reports:

Ron Moore, Coordinator reported to the board the problems and concerns of wind energy. Discussions was held on the concerns about the grids being different and are not compatible, transmission problems and the legislative laws mainly pertain to eastern Nebraska, and imminent domain is a problem. It was decided to get everyone's concerns and problems together and invite the Senators, Banner County Wind Energy Association, landowners and wind energy agencies to a meeting to express the concerns

and what issues we are facing to get the wind energy up and started. Depreciation is for five years and needs to be longer, but that is a federal problem.

**Old Business:**

**Area Plan:** Discussion was held on putting a calendar together to inform us what needs to be done by what date. Mike Marker moved to approve the Area Plan. Seconded by Cheryl Burkhart-Kriesel. Motion carried.

**New Business:**

Ron Moore, Coordinator informed the Board that the reimbursement for 2009 for the work plan from NRCS is due and is working on it. The report is due quarterly with required documentation being different.

Discussion was held on Annual Meeting and was decided to set a tentative date of February 11, 2010 and at the same time host a wind energy meeting.

Western RC&D Conference in Missoula, Montana is January 31 to February 3, 2010. Joyce will find out the deadline and email all Board Members to decide if they want to attend.

Discussion was held on the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Panhandle RC&D to think about maybe putting a float in the Oregon Trail Parade. An events committee consists of Larry Gibbs, Cheryl Burkhart-Kriesel and anyone else wanting to get involved may do so.

Ron Klemkle moved to adjourn at 11:45 A.M. Seconded by Bill Patterson. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned by President, Larry Gibbs.