



Panhandle Resource Conservation & Development, Inc.

2007-2008 Annual Report

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Empowering Citizens to Build Strong Communities

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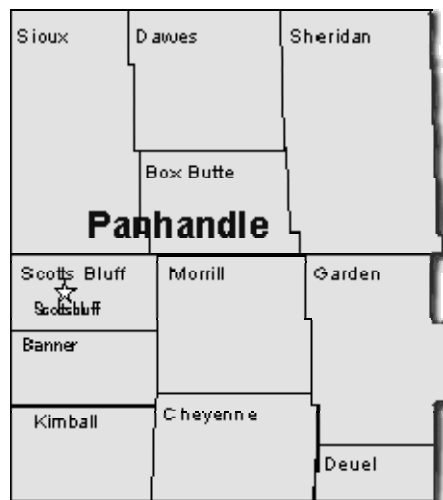
Our Mission

Regional betterment for the eleven Panhandle counties in Nebraska through mutual cooperation and participation of private and public interests.

Our Vision

A well-adjusted, developed community incorporating agriculture, industry, tourism, recreation and commercial enterprises to promote an economy which has the potential to enhance the quality of life for all families and individuals.

Banner, Box Butte, Cheyenne, Dawes, Deuel, Garden, Kimball, Scotts Bluff, Sheridan, and Sioux Counties.



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The Panhandle Resource Conservation and Development, Inc. is a membership-driven public charity that consists of local counties, communities and Natural Resource Districts in our eleven county coverage area. Present members include: Banner, Box Butte, Cheyenne, Dawes, Deuel, Garden, Kimball, Morrill, Scotts Bluff, and Sioux counties; the Upper Niobrara-White NRD, North Platte NRD, and the South Platte NRD; and the communities of Alliance, Bayard, Big Springs, Gering, Gordon, Lodgepole, Minatare, Oshkosh, Scottsbluff, Sidney, and Terrytown. At-large members are the communities of Bridgeport, Broadwater, Chadron, Chappell, Crawford, and Henry.

We are a membership organization. Our members and partners are the ones who help make things happen in the Panhandle of Nebraska in order for everyone's visions and goals to come to fruition.

We continue to be an "open-ended" organization, in that project proposals are continually being received by the Board while other projects are being completed.

We work with the understanding that the region's economic base must be broadened, balanced, and stabilized before business growth can be achieved. This must be accomplished or we face a steady economic decline. Though the problems are pervasive, the opportunities for correcting the problems and achieving a more balanced economic base are tremendous.

Our strength is in the participation of local leaders in addressing local needs and working together towards problem solving and the development of regional opportunities and needs.

Future Needs

Water issues will require educational efforts and management tools to assist growers and urban communities in identifying ways to conserve water while maintaining our economic growth. Lack of water has and will continue to impact our region's economy. This will require creative efforts in looking at conservation practices to impact the water use and develop Carbon Sequestration credits for financial and environmental reimbursement.

Because agriculture is our main economic engine, we need to look at improving that engine as well as investing time in tourism development and assisting entrepreneurial efforts in the Panhandle.

With the development of our Area Plan, as well as the Annual Work Plans developed to implement that plan, we are on our way to improving the economy of the area and maintaining our quality of living.

How does the RC&D Work?

RC&D is an exciting partnership between the federal government and a local nonprofit organization led by local community leaders. To help understand how RC&D works in this partnership, the following explains the RC&D program, the RC&D area, the Council and the relationships and responsibilities of each.

RC&D was initially started back in the 1960s to address rural poverty and help rural communities generate sustainable natural resource-based economies. Although today, many RC&D areas are not rural and are not poor, the need for the RC&D concept is just as strong as ever.

The RC&D Program

The Resource Conservation and Development (RC&D) Program is a nationwide United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) program administered by the Natural Resources and Conservation Service (NRCS). The purpose of the RC&D program is to accelerate the conservation, development, and utilization of natural resources, improve the general level of economic activity, and to enhance the environment and standard of living in the designated RC&D areas. Current program objectives focus on the improvement or quality of life achieved through natural resources conservation and community development, which leads to sustainable communities, prudent use (development), and the management and conservation of natural resources.

THE RC&D Area

RC&D areas are locally-sponsored areas designated by the Secretary of Agriculture for RC&D technical and financial assistance program funds. The Panhandle RC&D became a designated RC&D area on January 15, 1970. Panhandle RC&D covers the following counties: Scotts Bluff, Kimball, Banner, Sioux, Dawes, Sheridan, Box Butte, Morrill, Garden, Cheyenne, and Deuel.

The RC&D Coordinator

USDA NRCS provides a Coordinator to assist the Council in carrying out its objectives and goals by providing guidance, advice, and technical assistance. In general, the RC&D Coordinator is a facilitator, advisor, and coach to the RC&D Council. USDA NRCS also provides office space, vehicles, equipment, supplies, and program support.

THE RC&D Council

The RC&D Council is at the heart of the RC&D concept. The Council is a nonprofit entity that is established and run by volunteers to carry out the mission of the RC&D. The Council is composed of RC&D Directors that are key community leaders in land conservation, water management, environmental enhancement, and community development. They comprise the steering committee and action team to implement the Area Plan. The Area Plan is a community-driven, strategic, long-range plan to improve the quality of life in the communities in the RC&D Area.

The Council's RC&D Directors are action-oriented volunteers and leaders that help the Council address needs in the community through good planning and project implementation. The Council Directors meet monthly and elect an Executive Committee consisting of the President, Vice President and Treasurer.

The RC&D Council manages its affairs as an incorporated non-profit 501 (c)(3) and ensures that the organization is well-managed and running properly in order to obtain the objectives of the RC&D Council.

Panhandle RC&D Council Members

Gary Grubbs	Banner County
Leroy Cundall	City of Bayard
Jason Wilcox	City of Bayard
Charles Weston	Box Butte County
Harold Winkelman	Cheyenne County
Gary Fisher	Dawes County
Verlin Bruns	Deuel County
Steve Brott	Deuel County
Terry McCord	Garden County
Ron Klemke	Garden County
Larry Gibbs	City of Gering
Rick Soper	Kimball County
Steve Erdman	Morrill County
Bill Campbell	City of Oshkosh
Bill Patterson	City of Oshkosh
Dave Deines	North Platte NRD
Ron Cacek	North Platte NRD
Mike Marker	Scotts Bluff County
Ron Miller	Scotts Bluff County
Gary Person	City of Sidney
Joe Nunn	Sioux County
Cheryl Burkhart-Kriesel	South Platte NRD
Rod Horn	South Platte NRD
Lonnie Miller	City of Terrytown
Jim Lees	Upper-Niobrara White NRD
Lyndon Vogt	Upper-Niobrara White NRD

Panhandle RC&D Completed Project Highlights 2007-2008

Friends of the Gering Library: In 2003 a group of Gering Library volunteers requested assistance in becoming a 501 (c)(3) organization. This was an effort to provide alternative funding through donations to the Gering Library. As a result, over \$15,000 has been collected by the organization and they recently completed their 5 year review from the IRS as a public charity. The Friends are working towards the construction of a new and modern reception desk and check out desk for the library. The Panhandle RC&D provided assistance to the group by helping write the application, check their articles of incorporation and bylaws and walked them through the process with the State of Nebraska and the Internal Revenue Service. Panhandle RC&D provided assistance in the organization obtaining their 501(c)(3) status including writing and submitting the application, and in obtaining their articles of incorporation and bylaws.

In Kind: Estimated 7,500 hours

Project Benefits: 1 business created, benefiting over 14,000 citizens throughout the area. It is estimated that about 2300 underserved or underrepresented citizens have benefited with this group of volunteers.

Rushville Pathway Project: The community of Rushville requested assistance in developing and planning a 1.5 mile pedestrian path through potential funding from the Nebraska Department of Transportation utilizing Federal Department of Transportation funds. The RC&D developed the grant application with the community and assisted in the environmental review of the project. An engineering firm, Baker and Associates, developed the engineered plan, and the Panhandle RC&D wrote the grant application for the city to submit to the Nebraska Department of Roads for \$500,000 to develop a public walkway through town. The walkway was designed for 7,500 feet wandering through town connecting the East side and West side of town. This would provide an additional form of foot travel over paved ground rather than the existing dirt roads and curbed gutters. The local community raised over \$56,000 to have the pathway constructed.

Project Benefits: 1 Public facility constructed for transportation, 1 recreational area established for 7,500 feet and 1 recreational area improved or retained. The dollar benefit is estimated at over \$560,000.

Pumpkin Creek Watershed Coalition: Pumpkin Creek landowners came to the RC&D for assistance to form a non-profit group to help educate the public on water issues and to attract funding for helping land owners in the Pumpkin Creek Drainage conserve water and maintain their quality of life. The group developed several power point presentations for decision makers and developed articles of incorporation to help move the group forward. While the Articles were never filed, the acres owned by the volunteer group fall under the agreed upon resource management systems.

Project Benefits: 1 area-wide conservation plan developed within the frame work of Articles of Incorporation pertaining to (Purpose). 42,000 acres will benefit from the plan which includes 30,000 acres of cropland and 12,000 acres of grassland being treated. It is estimated that with the conservation practices and the reduction of water use, 20,000 acre feed of groundwater will be conserved benefiting 20,000 ac-feet of surface water. The Natural Resources Conservation Service in partnership with the North Platte NRD and the Nebraska Department of Natural Resources retired 3,524 acres of Irrigated Farmland to non irrigated grassland.

Farm and Ranch Museum: The FARM Museum project was started in 1989 with assistance from the Panhandle RC&D from organization to implementation. This was the final phase in developing the administration building as designed by the Architect. RC&D helped with fundraising and direction regarding the Museum concept. Over the years the independent board made minor changes and constructed an image of the Architectural concept. Though out the years up until 2005 the RC&D provided secretarial assistance towards the FARM annual meetings and were on hand to assist in further fundraising. The final ribbon cutting was held February 18, 2008. Over the years several educational workshops, tours and seminars have be held at the museum. An estimated 1400 students and 20 Instructors have gone through the facility and field demonstrations. The total benefit to the community and the Panhandle is estimated at \$2,691,000.

In Kind: Volunteers have contributed over \$540,000 dollars of in-kind assistance over the years since its inception in 1988. Donated materials are estimated at \$1,200,000 dollars in farm and ranch equipment, demonstrations, and associated equipment. Other sources of cash income have been valued at \$850,000 in the form of a loan to help finish the Administration Building and Theater. USDA NRCS professional services over the years has been valued at \$101,000 dollars worth of assistance.

Project Benefits: Implementation of the museum and its programs have resulted in at least 1 Educational Event, 1 business created, and 1 Cultural/Historic museum has been created. The museum no has over 400 members providing volunteer time to the museum.

Panhandle RC&D Current Projects **(Groups and committees being supported 2007-2008)**

Blue Creek Blues Festival: Lewellen, NE, like so many small communities, is in need of outside revenue. 17 Ranch Winery, in cooperation with other local businesses and citizens decided to offer a local tourist attraction in the form of a Blues Festival. This year's festival, on August 30, had over 100 participants. The group plans to make this an annual event. The group also received a marketing grant from the Nebraska Department of Economic Development and Viaero Wireless. Panhandle RC&D helped in development of a printed program and posters to help market the event.

Buckboard Therapeutic Riding Academy: Therapeutic Horseback Riding has been proven effective as recreational therapy in the treatment of those with physical and mental impairments including: Cerebral Palsy, Autism, Mental Retardation, Down Syndrome, Amputees, Muscular Dystrophy, Multiple Sclerosis, Learning Disabilities, Spina Bifida, Deafness, Blindness, Developmental Delay, Emotional Disturbance, and Paraplegia. The Academy assists on average 120 disabled children and adults by providing therapeutic riding each year at no cost to the individual or his/her family. RC&D is assisting in grant writing and location of funding sources - including in a capital campaign to fund an indoor arena - board development, organization support and outreach/educational efforts. Approximate cost of the indoor arena is \$195,000 + Arena Kit for \$75,000. The operation needs around \$50,000 annually to support the horses and therapy. This year, 102 students were assisted while utilizing 42 volunteers totaling 4,920 hours donated.

Deuel County Health Services Foundation: The purpose of the Deuel County Health Services Foundation is to help supplement and provided needed funding for health services including a nursing facility throughout Deuel County in northwest Nebraska. A group of volunteers from Chappell, NE requested assistance in the development of the Chappell Health Foundation regarding planning and development of a 501 (c) (3) organization. The foundation has raised around \$10,000 to date and provide an avenue for people to make tax deductible contributions for community benefits.

Friends of the Intertribal Gathering: This project, held at Fort Robinson State Park the second weekend in June, is an annual event that celebrates cultural awareness in northwestern Nebraska. It is held to celebrate and display traditional Native American music, dance, crafts, other traditions, as well as a 5-K Run/Walk and ½-K Fun Run. This year 3,500 participants and visitors were a part of the Ninth Annual Intertribal Gathering. Many vendors also came to sell and display Native American arts and crafts. There were 126 dancers and 6 drum groups, representing over 20 Tribal Nations from Colorado, Montana, Nebraska, New Mexico, Montana, South Dakota and Wyoming. This year's theme was aimed at Native American values, and provided the opportunity for grandparents, parents and relatives to spend quality time with youth, passing on values and providing an opportunity to build self-esteem with "at-risk" youth. The economic impact to the area is estimated at \$190,000 for the weekend. Support for the Intertribal Gathering has come from the Nebraska Game and Parks at Fort Robinson State Park, Chadron Native American Center, US Forest Service, USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service,

National Park Service, Panhandle RC&D, Inc., Chadron Chamber of Commerce, Crawford Chamber of Commerce, Nebraska Arts Council, Cooper Foundation, Running Strong for American Indian Youth, Nebraska Department of Tourism, Nebraska Health and Human Resources, Wal-Mart Foundation and other local businesses and donors. The Panhandle RC&D has provided assistance in committee development, program development, and in marketing the Intertribal Gathering. We provide grant writing and administration of multiple grants. Including in kind and cash contributions, this annual event has a total cost of \$57,300.

Indians and Pioneers Tourism & Marketing: The Indians and Pioneers Tourism and Marketing Group formed as a result of a regional tourism conference in 2003 and in March of 2008 held their 6th annual tourism and marketing conference in Pine Ridge, SD. Their focus is for regional development. Their mission statement is: "To educate the world about the shared culture and natural resources of northwestern Nebraska, southern South Dakota and eastern Wyoming." This is a cooperative effort between the Badlands RC&D in South Dakota and the Panhandle RC&D, Inc.

Connecting Natural Ranching with Classrooms 2008: Cooperative Extension educator Scott Cotton along with the Running Water Ranching Coalition asked for assistance in producing a "Pine Ridge Teacher's Institute." The workshop delivered factual research-based training to K-12 educators. This approach and material was designed to provide accurate information on the cultural, economic, and environmental importance on maintaining viable agriculture producers, rural communities, and cultural values. The workshop provided materials delivered by recognized experts and which have been vetted by the Department of Education for "standards and guidelines." The week long workshop put teachers in direct contact with producers to provide them with "real" perspectives including a valuable future source for field trips and class talks.

Bridges to Buttes: The Bridges to Buttes Scenic Byway Committee is working toward the enhancement of the travel industry along Highway 20 from Valentine, Nebraska to Harrison, Nebraska. There is collaboration with the Pine Ridge Chamber of Commerce in creating a map of the sights of the two-state region of Pine Ridge, South Dakota and the northern Panhandle. Brochures were printed to further identify attractions along Highway 20. The group has also developed a CD for tourism advertising. As part of the ongoing support and collaboration of this project, local efforts enabled the start of a new workshop, "Service Sells," which provided businesses in the area with valuable tools to use in the tourism setting. Panhandle RC&D provides organizational and meeting assistance, as well as grant location and application.

Nine Mile Creek Restoration: This is a joint effort between the North Platte NRD, the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission, the Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality, the Nebraska Environmental Trust, and Panhandle RC&D to implement a buffer strip along Nine Mile Creek located in Morrill County. A grant received from the Environmental Trust Fund has resulted in a successful three year effort to place buffer strips along sixteen miles of the creek. The ETF has provided \$150,000 over the last four years. The EPA and DEQ are also providing financial assistance. The total result has been a \$350,000 project with multiple partners. Follow-up control along Nine Mile is also currently being undertaken through the High Plains Weed Management Association with assistance from the RC&D.

Northwest Nebraska High Country: This organization consists of ranchers, farmers, and land owners that offer lodging, hunting, and recreation on their local properties to visitors in the Pine Ridge area of northwest Nebraska. Panhandle RC&D is assisting the group in identifying funding sources to help with the group's marketing effort. www.nebraskahighcountry.com

Running Water Ranching Coalition: The Running Water Ranching Coalition is a 501(c)(3) organization that was formed to help maintain the quality of life of ranching in Box Butte, Dawes, Sioux, and Scottsbluff counties in northwestern Nebraska. Landowners in the area have formed this non-profit coalition to educate the public on the environmental attributes ranching and farming bring to the short grass prairie in the Panhandle. Panhandle RC&D has been asked to help in program development, marketing, and identifying funding sources for future projects. www.rwrcoalition.org

Valley Visions (Scottsbluff/Gering United Chamber of Commerce): Valley Visions is a community taskforce that enables the Chamber of Commerce for Scottsbluff/Gering to receive input from the business sector in the implementation of new projects. Currently, the group is focusing on community beautification. A study conducted by the Nebraska arboretum has been completed and grants are currently being pursued. Recently, in conjunction with other Arbor Day awareness efforts, the group provided tree planting with assistance through the Nebraska Public Power District. The group is currently seeking more ideas on how to beautify the area. Panhandle RC&D participates in organizational efforts and brainstorming sessions.

Henry Betterment Group: This local betterment group has the simple goal of making the community of Henry a better place to live. Currently, the Betterment Group is focusing on three areas of interest: school/community building improvements, community clean-up and beautification, and accessing funds to purchase park playground equipment. They hope to imbed the idea that bringing the village back to life is both worth investing in and very much possible. Panhandle RC&D is assisting the Henry Betterment Group with organization, planning and implementation, as well as locating and applying for grants. RC&D has already obtained \$6,000 in grant funds to assist the Village in purchasing updated playground equipment. Citizens hope to have this project completed by the end of the year.

Knight Museum: Through a \$4 million donation by the Eldred Foundation, the Knight Museum of High Plains Heritage located in Alliance, NE has completely renovated and increased the capacity of the facility into a world-class program. The museum is currently in the process of obtaining brand new exhibits on grasses, birds, and animals in the areas, as well as an unrivaled Native American collection. Panhandle RC&D has been asked to assist the organization in their efforts to obtain funding to complete the new displays.

University of Nebraska Cooperative Extension Projects: The Dawes County UNL Cooperative Extension office has requested RC&D assistance on a number of collaborative projects for the upcoming year. Those projects include: 2008 Pine Ridge Teacher's Institute, Running Water Ranching Coalition Conservation Symposium, Multi-species Grazing Demos & Tours, Ranch Mentor Training, Drought Recovery Herd Management, Women in Ranching, Rural Community Disaster Response Training, and LANDHELP. RC&D involvement in these projects will range from location funding and application support, to collaborative and organizational efforts. Recently, the 2008 Pine Ridge Teacher's Institute was brought to the area with assistance from the RC&D.

Big Springs Memorial Flag & Pond Project: The citizens and Village Board in Big Springs would like to boost the local economy with increased tourism dollars while providing a beautiful recreation spot for its citizens. Through their Memorial Flag & Pond project, the community hopes to clean up and establish a park area around a local pond including the addition of a veteran's memorial with flags and dedication bricks. This project would provide a much safer environment for local children to fish and play, while honoring all those who have served in the armed forces over the years. RC&D has been asked to provide support in grant applications, project start-up, community collaboration, and organizational support.

North Platte River Invasive Species Control Project: The High Plains Weed Management Association, with the collaborative efforts of RC&D have undertaken the responsibility of addressing the water loss caused by the expansive growth of invasive species in the Nebraska Panhandle. Through grant funds, work is currently underway to address three main invasive species: Russian Olive, Salt cedar, and phragmites. The current focus of the project includes engaging counties and landowners in cooperative efforts to address the issues in order to benefit everyone involved. Panhandle RC&D is providing office space and support, as well as secretarial assistance to High Plains, obtainment of a nonprofit status for the organization, board development, and grant application/administration. www.hpwma.org

Chappell Lake Restoration: The City of Chappell is trying to develop a comprehensive plan for the lake and recreation opportunities to local residents and visitors. Chappell Lake is an existing 30-acre city-owned lake. The water levels have declined substantially with the current lake depth only at approximately three feet deep. A Lake Advisory Committee has already been put in place to help gather local support for the project. This committee is planning on painting and cleaning up the lake area so that the area will begin to see improvement. RC&D has been asked to provide funding location and application, project start-up and organization support.

Continuous No-Till Cropping System Education and Promotion: The purpose of the partnership is the education and promotion of continuous no-till cropping systems to improve soil quality, air quality, water management, economic gain and quality of life. The adoption of continuous no-till cropping systems in the Nebraska Panhandle will lead to reduction of soil erosion and airborne soil particles, decrease of irrigation water use, reduction of input costs for producers, and an increase in soil health. Members of the Panhandle No-Till Partnership include: Upper Niobrara-White Natural Resources District, North Platte Natural Resources District, South Platte Natural Resources District, Panhandle RC&D, Nebraska No-Till Cadre, Natural Resources Conservation Service, and UNL Research & Extension. The Panhandle No-Till Partnership has requested to become a committee under the RC&D in order to find funding location and application assistance, as well as media/outreach efforts through the RC&D.

2008 Project Contribution Totals

Project Name	USDA-CSREES	USDA-NRCS	DOI	Other Tribal	State Gov	Local Gov	Cons Dist	NGO	Other	Earth Team	Total Contribution
Blue Creek Blues Festival	0	1,325	0	0	2,000	1,400	0	2,000	2,000	1,000	9,725
Buckboard Therapeutic Riding Academy 2007	0	1,400	0	0	0	0	0	48,500	16,300	9,000	75,200
Chappell Health Foundation	0	2,100	0	0	0	0	0	10,000	0	0	12,100
Connecting Natural Ranching With Classrooms 2008	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	500	5,300	720	6,520
Farm and Ranch Museum	7,000	94,000	0	0	0	0	0	0	2,050,000	540,000	2,691,000
Friends of the Gering Library	0	1,400	0	0	0	0	0	15,000	0	0	16,400
Friends of the Intertribal Gathering 2007	0	3,800	0	27,300	32,380	0	0	7,000	6,800	0	77,280
Indians and Pioneers 2008	0	560	360	120	0	0	0	1,400	900	0	3,340
Pumpkin Creek Water Management Coalition	0	464,200	0	0	350,000	0	350,000	0	0	2,160	1,166,360
Rushville Pathway Project	0	0	0	0	500,000	0	0	56,000	0	0	556,000
TOTALS	7,000	568,785	360	27,420	884,380	1,400	350,000	140,400	2,081,300	552,880	4,613,925

Annual Treasurer's Report

Balance July 1, 2007	\$ 18,273.80
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Receipts:

Council

Dues	\$ 7,800.00
NRCS	\$ 25,000.00
Misc Income/Reimbursements	\$ 683.45
High Plains WMA	\$ 10,000.00
Misc Grants	\$ 8,000.00

Friends of the Intertribal Gathering

Vendors	\$ 2,555.00
Donations	\$ 9,674.57
Grants	\$ 20,941.00

Total Receipts:	\$ <u>84,654.02</u>
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Balance plus receipts	\$ 102,927.82
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Expenses:

Council

Travel	\$ 2,209.49
Payroll and Taxes	\$ 20,190.69
Administrative	\$ 4,317.97
Membership Dues	\$ 1,622.50
Meeting Registration	\$ 1,379.00
Education/Misc	\$ 984.83
Project Support	\$ 250.00

Bridges to Buttes

Intertribal Gathering Donations	\$ 1,000.00
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Friends of the Intertribal Gathering

Powwow Cash Payments	\$ 19,000.00
Advertising	\$ 762.00
Administration	\$ 5,683.93
Printing	\$ 65.50

Total Expenses	\$ <u>57,465.91</u>
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Balance (receipts–expenses) June 30, 2008	\$ 45,461.91
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Playa Lakes	\$ 568.60
Gering Up	\$ 1,000.00
Friends of the Intertribal Gathering	\$ 4,965.61
Bridges to Buttes	\$ 1,939.92
Panhandle RC&D Inc.	\$ 36,987.78

Ending Balance – June 30, 2008	\$ 45,461.91
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Three Year Budget Analysis

		Budget <u>6/30/2009</u>	Actual <u>6/30/2008</u>	Actual <u>6/30/2007</u>
Receipts	Council			
	Dues	7,800	7,800	5,050
	NRCS	20,000	25,000	10,000
	Registration reimbursement		683	70
	Grants		8,000	
	Donations			1,861
	Administrative Support			
	High Plains WMA	40,000		
	Projects	1,000		
	Projects			
	Village of Henry	15,000		
	Organic Farming Statewide ETF Project	5,000		
	No-Till Winter Conference	26,000		
	Friends of the Intertribal Gathering	32,000	33,171	28,471
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	Total Receipts	146,800	74,654	49,668
Expenditures	Council			
	Travel	7,020	2,209	2,496
	Payroll	33,700	20,191	946
	Administrative	3,450	4,318	1,182
	Membership dues	1,425	1,623	750
	Meeting registration	1,520	1,379	
	Education/miscellaneous		985	
	Grant related expenditures			
	Projects			
	Gering Up	1,000		
	Village of Henry	15,000		
	Bridges to Buttes	1,940	1,000	1,250
	Organic Farming Statewide ETF Project	5,000		
	No-Till Winter Conference	26,000		
	Friends of Intertribal Gathering	32,000	25,511	33,676
	Playa Lakes	569		13,743
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	Total Expenditures	128,624	57,216	54,043
Net increase (decrease)		<hr/> <u>18,176</u>	17,438	(4,375)
Beginning Balances			<hr/> 18,274	23,649
Ending Balances			<hr/> <u>35,712</u>	<u>19,274</u>
Account Breakdown				
	Bridges to Buttes		1,940	2,940
	Gering Up		1,000	1,000
	Friends of Intertribal Gathering		4,965	(2,694)
	Council		36,988	16,459
	Playa Lakes		569	569
			<hr/> <u>45,462</u>	<u>18,274</u>

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