

**WESTERN RESOURCE CONSERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION, INC.**  
ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING  
**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 4, 2014, 8:00 a.m. CDT**  
RIVERVIEW RENAISSANCE PLAZA HOTEL, 64 SOUTH WATER STREET, MOBILE, ALABAMA

**Welcome** – Susie Klein, Acting President, called the Meeting to Order at 8:10 a.m.

**Roll Call** – Pam Gouse, Secretary

**Voting Members Present:**

Clyde Hanson, Clearwater RC&D, Idaho  
Susan Davis, Dakota Prairies, ND  
Alan Richard, Five Rivers, NE  
James Taylor, South Central Mountain, NM  
Bruce Kroetch, Badlands, SD  
Joe Leichtnam, North Central RC&D, SD  
Pam Gouse, Bitter Root RC&D, MT  
Susie Klein, Northern Plains RC&D, ND

**Voting Members Participating via Telephone:**

David Newlin, Little Colorado River Plateau RC&D, AZ  
Sharon Pratt, West Central Highlands RC&D, ID  
Dennis Wacker, Northeast Nebraska RC&D, NE  
Duwaine Brigman, Nebraska Great Plains RC&D, NE  
Richard Leitschuck, Nebraska Loess Hills, RC&D, NE  
David Radford, High Country RC&D, ID

**The voting members participating constituted a quorum of the 31 Councils who paid 2013 dues.**

Guests Present:

Becki Koon, Pam Herdrich, Drew Blankenbaker, Laura Doth, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Lorenz, Mr. Meints, Beverly Santicola, Andy Gordon, Olga Walter

**Agenda** – Susie Klein – The agenda was approved as presented.

**State of the Association** – Susie Klein – Susie congratulated each Council for having stayed the course, while recognizing that we have all gone through hard times.

**Minutes** – Pam Gouse – Minutes of the March 20, 2013 Membership Meeting and its conclusion on July 30, 2013 were presented.

**Motion made, seconded and carried to approve both sets of minutes as presented.** [Hanson / Brigman]

**Treasurer's Report** – Pam Gouse for Joyce Mick, Treasurer (excused)

**Audit Report**

**Motion made, seconded and carried to accept the Audit Report as presented.** [Leichtnam / Hanson]

**Budget FY2015**

**Motion made, seconded and carried to approve the FY2015 budget as presented.** [Hanson / Brigman]

**Election** – Bruce Kroetch reported that 17 of the 21 ballots requested were submitted and counted.

**President** is Joe Leichtnam, **2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President** is Pam Gouse, **Secretary** is Sharon Church Pratt

**Awards** – Bobbie Meints

- Outstanding Performance by a Council Member – **Tom Bicap**, Southwest Idaho RC&D, ID
- Outstanding Staff Leadership – **Drew Blankenbaker**, Clearwater RC&D, ID
- Outstanding Performance by a Sponsoring Organization – **Nemaha NRD**, Tecumseh, NE
- Outstanding Performance by a Council – **Five Rivers RC&D**, NE
- President's Award – **Laura Doth** and **Pam Herdrich**

**2015 WRCDA Conference**, South Dakota – Bruce Kroetch reported that the survey results indicate that the conference will be in or near Rapid City SD, probably in mid-January 2015.

**Fundraising** – Joe Leichtnam reported that he has firearms to raffle for both Scholarship and WRCDA operating expenses

**Scholarship** – Joe Leichtnam reported that no scholarship was awarded this year but that applications are due in July for Fall 2014. Joe recognized Gerald Schultz as a dedicated long-time supporter of the Scholarship Fund.

**Closing Remarks – Path to the Future** – Susie Klein asked for input for task forces, committees; work to be undertaken; social media and other outreach; how to serve councils who may or may not be member councils. David Newlin likes the website, says that we should continue to use Facebook, we should coordinate with NARDCDC, and speak regionally and nationally. We need to move forward as a cohesive group, and openness and communications are the key.

**Meeting Adjourned** by motion [Hanson / Leichtnam] at 8:55 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted

Pam Gouse, Secretary