

WESTERN RESOURCE CONSERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION, INC.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

TUESDAY, AUGUST 12, 2014, 6:00 P.M. MDT

VIA CONFERENCE CALL

[Note: Due to unforeseen absences, there was no Executive Committee Meeting prior to the Directors' meeting.]

Welcome – Joe Leichtnam, President, called the Meeting to Order at 6:05 p.m.

Roll Call – Pam Gouse, Secretary

Voting Members Present, representing Idaho, Montana, North Dakota, South Dakota, **constituted a quorum:**

Clyde Hanson, Clearwater RC&D, Idaho

Joe Leichtnam, North Central RC&D, WRCDA President

Pam Gouse, Bitter Root RC&D, WRCDA 2nd VP

Susie Klein, Northern Plains RC&D, WRCDA 1st VP

Susan Davis, North Dakota

Allen Bjergo, Montana

Members Absent and states not represented included Arizona, Colorado, Utah, Nebraska, New Mexico and Wyoming:

Sharon Pratt, WRCDA Secretary (excused)

Joyce Mick, WRCDA Treasurer (excused)

Agenda – Joe Leichtnam – The agenda was approved as presented.

Minutes – Pam Gouse – Minutes of the previous Executive and Directors Meetings were presented.

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

Treasurer's Report – Joe for Joyce Mick, Treasurer

Motion made, seconded and carried to instruct Treasurer to make contact Councils for 2013 and 2014 dues payments that have not been received. [Klein / Hanson]

Scholarship – Joe reported that no scholarship has yet been awarded this year but that applications for a second semester could be considered soon if no first-semester applications are received by September 1st. Joe again recognized Gerald Schultz as a dedicated long-time supporter of the Scholarship Fund.

Awards – Joe reported for Bobbie Meints that a press release would be a good thing. Awardees were:

- 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**

Fundraising – Joe reported that he has firearms to raffle for both Scholarship Fund and WRCDA operating expenses. He hopes to raise at least \$7,000 for WRCDA general budget.

Nominations – Joe reported that no one has volunteered for Bruce Kroetch's vacated position.

Finance – Susan Davis reported that last year's Chair is also not able to continue as Chair.

NARCDC Perspective – Susie Klein reported that Andy Gordon has sent out information on webinars for Grantstation as well as Insurance and Risk. Susie encouraged everyone to join the NARCDC listserv.

Survey Monkey – Pam Gouse reported on survey results that indicate that Executive Committee should meet monthly, Board of Directors every other month, and Council Support Calls every month or as needed. Second Tuesday at current times was acceptable.

2015 WRCDA Conference, South Dakota – Joe reported that the conference will be in Rapid City SD in mid-January 2015. WRCDA Officers are invited to sit in on their planning meetings, generally the first Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. (But watch for possible date changes in the future).

Meeting Adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted

Pam Gouse, Acting Secretary