

**Western RC&D Association**  
**Board of Directors Conference Call: Draft Minutes**  
**2/11/2014, 6:00 p.m. MST**

**Officers Present:**

Sue Sutherland, President  
Joe Leichtnam, 2<sup>nd</sup> VP  
Joyce Mick, Treasurer  
Pam Gouse, Secretary

**Officer Absent:**

Susie Klein, 1<sup>st</sup> VP (excused)

**State Presidents/Reps Present:**

Dave Newlin, Arizona  
David Radford, Idaho  
Susan Davis, North Dakota  
Jewell Bork, South Dakota (until 6:15 p.m.)  
Dan Hrusa, Nebraska

**Committees/Guests Present:**

Twila Philips

**States Not Represented:**

Wyoming, Utah, Colorado, New Mexico

**Welcome and Roll Call** – Sue Sutherland

**Treasurer's Report – Joyce Mick** – Balances are as provided in handouts; dues statements have been sent out; another donation to Scholarship account by Gerald Schultz; Financial Committee is having trouble getting together for meetings -- Susan Davis to contact North Dakota rep on committee.

**Western Conference 2015 – Jewell Bork** reported that the committee needs to prepare a Survey Monkey; to be advertised on Facebook, Western website and email; respondent's name and council will be required to avoid duplication of responses

**Who can vote during 2014 elections – Sue Sutherland** – We need to arrive at a common understanding of who is eligible to vote at Annual Meeting in June 2014 – those who paid 2013 dues or 2014 dues? Sue will research bylaws

**Secretary's Report – Pam Gouse** – January 14 Report and January 21 Minutes were presented

**Motion made, seconded and carried** (Davis/Mick) to **approve January 21, 2014 Minutes**

**Motion made, seconded and carried** (Mick/Newlin) to **approve January 14, 2014 Report**

**Western Conference 2014 – Sue Sutherland** reported on progress on Planning; the committee proposes that Western will not have a meeting longer than an hour-and-a-half at some point during NARCDC since we are only anticipating 13 people from Western. There would be no committee meetings, awards, auctions, and no registration fees. Sue is working with Andy Gordon on this.

**Motion made, seconded and carried** (Radford/Hrusa) to have a brief Western meeting at some time during NARCDC

**Compensation for Officers traveling to NARCDC** needs to be considered, since there could be up to three new officers. There is confusion in the Policies as to when the newly elected officers take office.

**Motion made, seconded and carried** (Newlin/Radford) to refer to Finance Committee for a recommendation on Officers' reimbursement, to be brought to meeting March 11

**High Country RC&D proposal – Dave Radford and Sue Sutherland** reviewed High Country's proposal to state that Board of Directors decides on election policies, with decision to be made 90 days prior to Annual Meeting. (See handout)

**Motion made, seconded and carried** (Radford/Newlin) to **support High Country's proposal** regarding election policies.

**Motion made, seconded and carried** (Mick/Leichtnam) to **allow absentee voting** for 2014 Western election, with Pam Herdrich, Pam Gouse, Bruce Kroetch and Joyce Mick to work on details.

**NARCDC February Meeting – Dave Newlin** – Since Susie Klein cannot go to this meeting, Dave offered to represent Western at NARCDC if necessary. Dave Newlin, Pam Herdrich and Laura Doth will be going to the WUI Conference there.

**NARCDC Outlook – Sue Sutherland** – Fed Specialist scoping meetings going well; Farm Bill still includes RC&D, while 23 other programs were cut; Rural Development has the REAP program, and RC&D is now one of five entities that can apply for that program; Shout-Outs are being used to recognize Councils

### **State Reports**

**Arizona – David Newlin** – Arizona is doing very well; 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Winter Watershed Conference had great attendance; good information is available on the website *winterwatershedconference.org*.

**Idaho – Dave Radford** – IWUI Code Conference was well attended; bad fire year; good use of FireWise money; groundwater irrigator program very successful

**Montana – Pam Gouse** – RC&Ds are hanging in there. As a result of the IWUI Code Conference in Montana the state is having listening sessions in order to consider adopting IWUI Code

**Nebraska – Twila Phillips** – Mid-year meeting coming up in April; Dan H. is working on that.

**South Dakota – Joe Leichtnam** – Heifers for South Dakota: a semi-load arrived from Virginia recently; over 1050 head, cash over \$225,000; total value of animals and cash donations exceed \$2.5 million, with no fees taken by North Central South Dakota RC&D. Beetle kill in Black Hills is significant – a good number of organizations are working together on this.

**Next meeting: March 11, 2014**

**Meeting adjourned** at 7:25 (Radford/Leichtnam).

Pam Gouse