

Minutes
Western Business Meeting
March 14, 2012

Roll Call:		Voting
Jon Shafer	Northern Rocky Mountain RC&D	No
Pam Gouse	Bitter Root RC&D	No
Lee Husfleon	Dakota Prairies	No
Gerald Shultz	Black Range RC&D, New Mexico	No
Bill Moore	Southwest Idaho RC&D	Yes
Sue Sutherland	Bitter Root RC&D	Yes
Dave Radford	High Country RC&D	Yes
Richard Perkerewiez	Dakota Prairies RC&D	Yes
Clyde F. Hanson	Clearwater RC&D, Western Treasurer	Yes
Susie Klein	Northern Plains, Western 1 st VP	No
Curtis Schrader	Sureste RC&D	Yes
Ron Moore	Panhandle RC&D, Neb State Asso.	Yes
Joe Leichtnam	North Central, SD, Western 2 nd VP	Yes
Bob Curl	Northern Plains RC&D N.D.	Yes
Jerry Burchett	South Central Mountain RC&D N.M.	Yes
Brian Greene	South Central Mountain RC&D N.M.	No
Jim Smith	San Juan RC&D, CO	Yes
Dick Smith	Sureste RC&D, N.M.	No
April Weitlauf	Black Range RC&D N.M.	Yes
Brenda Smythe	Hub RC&D, N.M.	Yes
Frances Mantz	Adelante RC&D N.M.	No
Kim Mitchell	El Llano Estacodo RC&D N.M.	Yes
David Mauzaunes	Northern Rio Grande RC&D N.M.	Yes
Richard W. Johnson	Adelante RC&D N.M.	Yes
Steve Kadas	NRCS N.M.	No
Becki Koon	Bitter Root RC&D Mt	No
Rollin Gardner	Western Wyo RC&D, Western Sec.	No
Bruce Kroetch	Badlands RC&D Western Pres.	Yes

Meeting called to order by Pres. Bruce Kroetch at 10:17 AM. The agenda was presented and discussed. Dave Radford High Country RC&D moved to add state Association dues to the agenda, seconded by Joe Leichtnam North Central RC&D motion carried agenda was so amended and approved. Minutes of last years meeting were reviewed. Dave Radford brought to our attention that he gave the second to have the board try to find the minutes from 2010, which were missing. That correction was made. Gerald Schultz Black Range RC&D brought to our attention that his name was not on the roll and it was added. Ron Moore Panhandle RC&D moved to except the minutes seconded by Bob Curl Northern plains RC&D. Minutes approved with the noted changes.

Dave Radford High Country RC&D suggested that if a state has all of its councils paid western dues, they be rewarded with the state association not have to pay dues. He also applauded New Mexico Association for putting the conference together at the last minute. Curtis Schrader Sureste RC&D stated not all states have state associations. It has always been an option for states to pay western dues. Curtis stated in his opinion we should leave it the way it is. If States want to they can pay. Ron Moore Nebraska State Association added that Nebraska pays to help and not to have a vote. No state association has a vote.

Clyde Hanson western treasurer presented the treasurers report. He handed out copies of last year's books and next years budget. Income was down a lot from last year because of the number of councils that have not paid, 32 councils paid in full and one paid \$225, New Mexico paid its state association. Clyde pulled \$10000 from a CD to pay bills. The details of the report will be added to the minutes as the treasurer's report. Jim Smith San Jaun RC&D questioned what all the travel expense was for and if we could cut back. Bruce Kroetch Western President explained two of westerns officers are on the national board. As part of the national board they have 4 meetings a year. Of Those 3 are in Washington DC and one is teleconference. Travel to the western conference by the 4 western officers is part of it. Susie Klein Western 1st VP spoke to what they do to save money on these trips. Susie will room with a Woman from another state and Bruce will drive to Minneapolis airport for cheaper fares. Ron Moore moved to except budget report and was seconded by Dave Radford pending Audit report. Budget was accepted.

Joe Leichtnam gave the awards and scholarship committee's report. We only received 3 nominees for the 7 awards we have. Joe would still accept nominations. He appreciates those who were sent in and encourages others to apply. He also discussed Scholarships. One very deserving student was awarded \$750 that is one and a half. The scholarship goes to a sophomore or higher.

Bylaw committee reported by Rollin Gardner and April Weitlauf. They talked about last years report to change the bylaws to allow the conference to be held later in the year. There was discussion about how to amend the bylaws. In order to amend the bylaws the purposed change needs to be sent out to the councils 30 days prior to conference so it can be voted on. It was moved by Sue Sutherland Bitter Root RC&D and seconded by Brenda Smythe Hub RC&D, to suspend the bylaws for 2013 to hold the conference later in the year. Motion carried.

Site selection committee report by Clyde Hanson. There have been discussions with Nebraska about hosting next year's conference. They will meet in April and decide if they want to do it. Richard Johnson Adelante RC&D moved and seconded by April Weitlauf to have the executive board to negotiate and plan next years conference. Motion passed

Susie Klein gave the Natural resources and Quality Assurance committees report. She noted that councils are struggling. She reviewed last year's proposals and they will be added to the minutes.

Information and marketing committee reported by Joe Leichtnam and Laura Doth will work with the Webmaster and Sue Sutherland to report success stories and contacts. Laura has background in marketing and will work with Webmaster. There was discussion about Facebook and a group page. We also need most current names and addresses from councils. It was noted that the list of current addresses from council's matches those that has paid.

Jim Smith San Jaun RC&D presented a resolution to go to national. In order to reduce travel costs national meetings be two face to face, and one of those be at a regional meeting, and two be by teleconference. Jim moved it and Joe Leichtnam seconded it motion carried. Jim was asked to put it in a clean resolution to be presented to national. Audit committee report by Pam Gouse. There was a smooth transition between Susie and Clyde. The committee gave a clean report of the books. There was discussion on getting Quick books pro for the treasurer. Ron Moore Panhandle RC&D moved to transfer treasurer's report to Quick book pro, I missed the second. Motion carried. Dave Radford moved to except the report it was seconded by Ron Moore. Motion carried. Pam Gouse and Jon Shafer were applauded for their work on the report.

Nomination committee Bruce and Curtis. There are three offices open for election, Pres., 2nd VP, and Secretary. Bruce announced he is not running again to devote more time to his council. Bruce called for nominations to be open. Joe Leichtnam nominated Sue Sutherland. April Weitlauf nominated Rollin Gardner for President. Nominations 2nd VP open Susie Klein is re running and no others were nominated so they were closed. Nominations for Secretary were open. Rollin Gardner was nominated by April Weitlauf, Pam Gouse by Sue Sutherland, Dave Radford nominated Sue Sutherland. Nominations closed. Meeting was recessed for lunch at 12:06 PM.

Meeting called back to order by Bruce at 1:39 PM
Election for President was first business. Sue won the ballot. Next is the vote for Secretary. The first vote was a tie so we did a revote and it was a tie. Richard Perkerewiez Dakota Prairies RC&D moved to have coin toss to decide I missed the second but it was approved. Bruce tossed a poker chip Rollin was blue and Pam was red. It came up red and Pam is the new Secretary. Bruce read into the record the resolution on national meetings. Curtis Schrader moved we adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 1:56 PM