

Name: RC & D Board Meeting
Meeting Date: **May 1, 2008**
Meeting Time: 10:00 a.m.
Meeting Location: USDA Service Center
606 Perry St.
Yakima, WA 98902

Key Contact: Bill Gillespie
Prepared By: Holli Wellner

Minutes 5/1/08

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Item No.	Info. Distrib.	Item Discussed	Outcome Desired	Decision(s) Made, Action Taken Assignments Given
1		Call to order		Meeting called to order at 10:00 by Bill Gillespie
2		Introductions		Bill Gillespie, Dick Story, Walter George, Mike Richardson, Dave Myra, Shiraz Vira, Harold Crose, Ron Gamache, Betsy Bloomfield, Marie Zuroske, Howard Carlin, Grace Bussoli, Anna Lael, Mark McClain, Jack Clark, Betty Thornquist, Holli Wellner
3	X	Minutes	Motion to Approve 3/6/08 Minutes	Motion made by Dick Story to approve minutes as read. Seconded by Walt George. Approved
4	X	Treasury Report	Motion to Approve 1/1/08 Treas Report	Motion made by Ron Gamache to approve treasure report as read. Seconded by Dick Story. Approved
5		BPA	Information & Update	Report by Dave Myra. Capital check is late but was received today, May 1st, checks will go out to the agency's today. Reported on the process of submitting for contract approval. Contract approved for next period.

6	X	Annual & Area Plan	Update/Revised	Passed out Area and Annual Plans for review and consider approval. Motion made by Dick Story to accept the Area and Annual Plans as revised with the exception that a possible addition may be added for Benton County. Seconded by Mike Richardson. Approved.
7		Reecer Creek	Information & Update by Carol Ready	Reported that Reecer Creek is progressing. Two portions of the grant received, working with Ecology for the last portion. Grant will be a total of \$394,000
7A		Mid Columbia Fisheries	Member of RC&D	Dave reported that Mid Columbia Fisheries would like to become members of the Council, they plan on attending next meeting. Needs approval from our board to join. Motion made by Dick Story to accept as new members. Seconded by Walt George. Approved
8		RC&D and NRCS	Shiraz & Harold	Shiraz; will make suggestions on budget items with Heather. Most of the President's budget mostly concerning the Farm Bill. RC&D Sponsors need to be in contact with their Legislators. We need to get the message out to explain what RC&D is and what we do. Bill Gillespie to contact Legislatures for project tours. Harold; State budget is mostly maxed out with placing three new Coordinators this year. A small portion of coordinator time may be allocated to other NRCS projects this year. Next year funding may be available for administration, but is not in the budget for this year.
9		RC&D National Meeting	2009	Will be held June 14-18, 2009 in Albuquerque N.M. Pac Rim meeting will be held Oct 19-22, 2008 in Portland. OR. Please Notify Bill Gillespie if you plan on attending so that reservation can be made.

10		Presentation	Betsy Bloomfield The Nature Conservancy	Reported on forest restoration and bio-mass utilization as a sustainable resource. Requested that RC&D consider being the pass through for the funding to conduct a biomass assessment to determine volume and type available. She also requested the RC&D consider a lower indirect rate than 15%. TNC will be proposing to be a RC&D member. Motion made by Ron Gamache to accept proposal with a 5% indirect cost plus administration costs to be negotiated. Seconded by Dick Story. Approved.
11		Presentation	Marie Zuroske	Marie made a very educational presentation on nutrients in the lower Yakima River. Potential projects resulting from this study may be presented at later date to RC&D council.
12		Updates	Heather	Howard Carlin reported that Kittitas County Parks & Recreation lost their grant due to conflicts with the Forest Service. Heather reported; she is setting up tour of the digester system at 8:00 a.m. on May 12 th . Working on a list of potential new sponsors for RC&D. Also working on updating Board Members guidelines. Suggested having a future meeting in Kittitas County.
13		Other Adjourn	Next Meeting	Betty announced that today is her last day and Holli Wellner is assuming her responsibilities. July 10, 2008 10:00 a.m.