

Name: RC & D Board Meeting  
**Meeting Date:** July 10, 2008  
Meeting Time: 10:00 a.m.  
Meeting Location: USDA Service Center  
1606 Perry St.  
Yakima, WA 98902

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# Minutes 7/10/08

*South Central Washington  
Resource Conservation  
and  
Development*

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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 a.m. by Dick Story.
2		Introductions		Dick Story, Glenn Miller, Rebecca Wassell, Betsy Bloomfield, Anna Lael, Walter George, Mike Richardson, Ray Wiseman, Frank Sweet, Heather Simmons-Rigdon, Holli Wellner, Dave Myra, Carol Ready, Ron Gamache, Philip Rigdon, David Gerth, Sue Olson, Eric Olson.
3	X	Minutes	Motion to approve 5/1/08 Minutes	Motion made by Frank Sweet to approve minutes as read. Seconded by Mike Richardson. Approved.
4	X	Treasury Report	Motion to approve Treasury Report	Correction to treasury report recommended by Betsy Bloomfield. Motion made by Ron Gamache to approve treasure report with corrections. Seconded by Walt George. Approved.
5		Propose new sponsors/members	Motion to approve new members/ sponsors of SCW RC&D	Three new sponsors are proposed: -Mid-Columbia Fisheries (member Glen Miller; alternate Rebecca Wassell) -The Nature Conservancy (member Betsy Bloomfield) -Yakama Nation (member Phil Rigdon; alternate Brandon Rogers). Introductions were made also with a brief description of their organization and their interest in RC&D.  Motion made by Frank Sweet to approve new members. Seconded by Mike Richardson. Approved.

6	X	Revise website/ New logo	Review of Web designers & logo designs - Heather	Heather passed out brochures for new website layout and logo. The goal is to let the community know what RC&D is and give them an easily recognizable logo. Three website bids and examples were passed out for review and voting. Three logo designs were passed out for review and voting.
7	X	BPA Report	Information & Update by Dave	Dave reported that he is working on getting more funding from Bonneville due to rising costs (gas, steel, concrete, etc.) We usually get our funding approved a year or more before the project is started. Then costs go up and then they are trying to make the funding last. He also announced that all agreements are in place with Bonneville and the subcontractors for projects that began April 1 <sup>st</sup> .
8		Area/Annual	Update by Heather	Heather reported that the Annual Plan has been approved and signed by the State Conservationist. She discussed SCW RC&D financial future. If funding was cut where would we stand? Recommended meeting with a financial advisor to help RC&D create a long-term financial plan. Dave Myra suggested having an advisor give a short presentation at the next meeting.
9		Reecer Creek	Information & Update by Carol	Carol presented a PowerPoint presentation of Reecer Creek. The PowerPoint consisted of information on the flood plan, restoration benefits of project habitat, trail opportunities, and education. There were also diagrams of the new levee to protect West Ellensburg.
10		Propose new committee	Motion to approve Committee/Chairperson	Frank proposed a committee for Environmental Education. This committee would go to schools and educate kids and parents. This committee would operate the same as a board, having board meetings and minutes taken. All proposed projects would come to full council for approval. Frank Sweet volunteered to be the chairperson. David Gerth also agreed to serve on committee.  Motion made by Ron Gamache to approve committee and Frank Sweet as Chairman. Seconded by Betsy Bloomfield. Approved.

11	X	New Project Proposal – Bee Research	Motion to approve new project	<p>Information given by Sue &amp; Eric Olson. They passed out some packets with some information of what has been going on with the bee colonies the last few years. In the Winter-Spring of 2007-2008 they reported loss of 4,000 hives. Last year in Western Washington they reported loss of 80% of hives. They want to propose a project for RC&amp;D to assist finding funding sources and submitting grants.</p> <p>Motion made by Frank Sweet to approve project. Seconded by Glen Miller. Approved.</p>
12		Website/Logo	Motion to approve website/logo & budget expense	<p>Yakindo was voted as the website designer. Motion made by Frank Sweet to approve expenditure for website re-design (\$2000). Seconded by Ron Gamache. Approved.</p> <p>Logo example #1 was voted by the council. Motion made by Frank Sweet to approve Logo &amp; \$150 expenditure. Seconded by Mike Richardson. Approved.</p>
13		Coordinator Update	Information & Update by Heather	<p>Heather reported that she is working with a group recommended by Dave called SCORE. Working on setting up workshops. Free or low cost advertising for them and will charge a small fee to cover misc. costs/food.</p>
14		Other Adjourn	Next Meeting Date	September 11, 2008 10:00 a.m.

Attested by: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_