

Name: RC & D Board Meeting  
**Meeting Date: September 11, 2008**  
Meeting Time: 10:00 a.m.  
Meeting Location: USDA Service Center  
1606 Perry St.  
Yakima, WA 98902

Key Contact: Bill Gillespie  
Prepared By: Holli Wellner

# Minutes 9/11/08

*South Central Washington  
Resource Conservation  
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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 Bill Gillespie.
2		Introductions		Bill Gillespie, Mike Richardson, Julie Conley, Walter George, Jack Clark, Frank Sweet, Richard Visser, Blanca Alvitres, Carol Ready, Ronald Gamache, Becca Wassell, Luz Bazan Gutierrez, Heather Simmons-Rigdon, Philip Rigdon, Charlie Bush, Holli Wellner
3	<b>X</b>	Minutes	Motion	Motion made by Ron Gamache to approve minutes as read, seconded by Frank Sweet. Approved. Bill announced that the minutes will now be sent out within the next week for board revisions, but still won't be approved until November board meeting.
4	<b>X</b>	Treasury Report	Motion	Motion made by Mike Richardson to approve treasury report, seconded by Becca Wassell. Approved.
5		Tapash Project Update (Julie-TNC)	Discussion	Julie gave an update on the project. Mentioned that the contracts have been issued to TSS consultants and the project has been started.
6	<b>X</b>	Area Plan Update & Guest Speaker Martin Howell	Discussion	Heather suggested that the board meet with Ray Ledgerwood, who is contracted with NRCS to help with area planning, to assist the council in putting together next 5-year Area Plan, and that Ray recommended scheduling an entire day in early 2009 to do so. Bill and Mike mentioned they liked what Ray has done in the past and think this a great idea. Walt and Ron mentioned they do not want to start from scratch. They want to get the parts fixed that need help. Nothing was decided. Martin Howell did not arrive, so the financial discussion was tabled.

7	<b>X</b>	Conflict of Interest Policy	Review, Discuss, & Sign	Discussion of Conflict of Interest Policy was presented to the board. There was an agreement that it was a good idea to have in place. Motion made by Ron Gamache to approve the conflict of interest policy, seconded by Frank Sweet. Approved.
8	<b>X</b>	YTAHP & BPA Update (Carol-YTAHP)	Discussion	Carol gave the update on the YTAHP project at Reecer Creek. They are working on getting the \$250,000 more needed to complete the project. She also gave the BPA report and mentioned that the FY 2007 annual report to BPA is completed. Also an update on all the current projects.
9		Pac-Rim Regional RC&D Councils Meeting	Motion	Dick Story and Mike Richardson are signed up to attend. Motion made by Frank Sweet to approve the funds for Pac-Rim conference in Portland Oregon on October 19-22, 2008, seconded by Ron Gamache. Approved.
10	<b>X</b>	Environmental Education (EE) Committee Report	Discussion	The EE Committee had a meeting last month. They were trying to set up a field trip which will not happen at this time due to schedule conflicts with public representatives. A Storm Water Outreach project was presented by Frank Sweet to create a grant proposal to YVCF for \$10,000 to expand this project with the Selah School District. Frank has talked with Selah's superintendent, who is interested in the project. The goal is to start in Selah and if it successful it will hopefully be replicated in other school districts in Yakima County. Motion made by Luz Gutierrez to approve Selah project proposal, seconded by Mike Richardson. Approved.
11	<b>X</b>	Website Update	Motion	Two website designs created by Yakindo were circulated for board members to review and vote. Template 2 got the most votes. Heather gave an update on the revised council website. The website should be complete Oct/Nov. It will initially be 5 pages, with additional pages added over winter. Carol is also working on a YTAHP page for the website that will include the new YTAHP logo.
12		Coordinator's Report	Discussion	Heather mentioned that there has been no progress on the Bee Research project. She needs the Olson's to coordinate a meeting with Dr. Sheppard and herself. She also went over the roles of the alternates for the board members and the different ways board members can vote if they are unable to attend a meeting. Heather informed the board of the RC & D National Conference that is being

				held in June 2009. Two new policies will be brought to the board in November for review and approval. Also Heather discussed the need for additional insurance and discussed the different insurance options. Suggestion will be brought to the board in November for review and vote. Heather would like to hold a new member orientation in October for new and ongoing members. She will announce dates for these soon. All are encouraged to attend.
13	<b>X</b>	Rural Community Development Resources (RCDR)	Introduction & Motion for new member	Luz Bazan Gutierrez and Blanca Alvitres the RCDR organization and what it does for the community, as well as their interest in RC&D. The RCDR has 3 major core programs; 1. Small business lending & technical assistance. 2. Small business incubator. 3. Center for Latino farmers. RCDR was proposed as a new sponsor with Luz Bazan Gutierrez as the representing board member and Blanca Alvitres as the alternate. Motion made by Frank Sweet to approve new sponsor and member, seconded by Mike Richardson. Approved.
14		Other Adjourn	Next Meeting Date	November 6, 2008
15		Photos	Group & Individual photos for the Website	Group photo postponed to November meeting due to absence of several members. Some individual photos were taken.

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