

What: South Central WA. RC & D Board Meeting
When: **March 5, 2009 10:00 a.m.**
Where: USDA Service Center
 1606 Perry St.
 Yakima, WA. 98902
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Chair: Bill Gillespie
Vice-Chair: Dick Story
Secretary/Treasurer: Mike Richardson
Administrative Assistant: Holli Wellner



MINUTES – 03/05/09

Board Members/Alternates Present: Mike Richardson, Bill Gillespie, Dick Story, L.J. DaCorsi, Louis Musso, Betsy Bloomfield, Don Gatchalian, Nichole Berg-Tobin, Frank Hendrix, Ron Gamache

Staff Present: Dave Myra, Heather Simmons-Rigdon, Holli Wellner

Board Members/Staff Absent: Glenn Miller, Luz Bazan Gutierrez, Walt George, Kevin Bouchey, Phil Rigdon, Carol Ready, Mark McClain, Frank Sweet, David Gerth, Lynn Brown

Others Present: Michael Tobin, Jason McCormick, Charles Klarich

Meeting called to order at: 10:00 a.m. by: Bill Gillespie

Item	Who	Info. Dist. ?	Outcome
1) Introductions	Bill Gillespie	N	See Above.
2) Minutes	Mike Richardson	Y	Motion made by Mike Richardson to approve minutes as read, seconded by Dick Story. Approved.
3) Budget Report	Holli Wellner	Y	Motion made by Dick Story to approve budget report, seconded by Frank Hendrix. Approved.

4) Elections	Bill Gillespie & Nominating Committee	N	Nominations: Louis Musso-Chair, Dick Story-Vice-Chair, Mike Richardson-Secretary/Treasurer. Motion made by Dick Story to accept nominated slate of officers, seconded by Betsy Bloomfield. Approved. Motion made by Dick Story to have bank signature updated for new slate of officers, seconded by Frank Hendrix. Approved.
5) Bylaws Update	Bylaws Committee	Y	Motion made by Mike Richardson to change: 1) Associate Member & Individual Members to Advisory Member, 2) 2/3 quorum to 51%, 3) Board Members can designate alternates to vote by proxy in their absence (need to submit memo to council to this effect), seconded by Dick Story. Approved. Motion made by Dick Story to approve bylaws with changes, seconded by Nichole Berg-Tobin. Approved.
6) Area Plan	Heather Simmons-Rigdon	Y	Discussion of the past meeting. Next Area Planning Meeting scheduled for April 19, 2008 at 9 a.m. in the USDA conference room, facilitated by Heather.
7) Yakima Basin Storage Alliance	Charles Klarich	Y	Distributed & discussed additional information on the Black Rock project.
8) Economic Stimulus Project List	Heather Simmons-Rigdon	Y	There was discussion on a few of the projects. Heather mentioned a few that were on the list but not in the Annual Plan. Members were concerned if it was considered on a package or job-by-job basis. Answers were given by Shiraz Vira (via phone). Motion made by Dick Story to allow Heather latitude to add or delete jobs that would benefit/hurt the RC&D with the knowledge of the Executive Board, seconded by Frank Hendrix. Approved.
9) Washington Water Trust	Jason McCormick	N	Brief introduction of his position with the Washington Water Trust. Description of what the organization does and their goals. He also discussed water right fundamentals and some of their case studies for example Salmon Creek and Teanaway River.
10) Biomass Feasibility Study Update	Betsy Bloomfield	N	Betsy talked about the completion of the final woody biomass study from TSS Consultants. She mentioned wanting a sub-committee for the feasibility study. Motion made by Bill Gillespie to create an RC&D Biomass Committee with Dave Myra, Betsy Bloomfield, Dick Story, & Ron Gamache, seconded by Dick Story.

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11) Environmental Education (EE) Committee	Heather Simmons-Rigdon	N	Heather is working on EE presenters and posters with Molly Kelly for the Yakima Basin Science & Management Conference taking place the 3 rd week of June. Next EE meeting will be March 31 st .
12) YTAHP	Dave Myra	Y	Dave has been working the last couple of months on the upcoming fiscal year funding with BPA. He would like to schedule some field time for any members that would like to see where the current projects are and their progress. He mentioned that this year's budget will be the same as past years Expense \$125,000 & Capital \$758,000.
13) National RC&D Meeting	Heather Simmons-Rigdon	N	Scheduled to attend the National RC&D Meeting are Louis Musso, Mike Richardson, & Luz Bazan Gutierrez.
14) Coordinator's Report	Heather Simmons-Rigdon	Y	Heather is scheduled to present at upcoming March & April Klickitat Outreach meetings, to gather support for inclusion of Klickitat County into the SCW RC&D service area. The paperwork for becoming a charitable organization has been completed and submitted to the State of Washington. Cooperative Agreements have been on hold for the moment due to changes made in the process at the state level and the details or not clear on the process yet. The Annual Plan has been signed and submitted to the State, but had not been signed by the State Con. yet.
Other business/adjourn	Bill G.	N	Dave & Betsy will need Tapash & BPA grants signed by the board before the next meeting. Motion made by Dick Story to have the grants reviewed & signed by the Executive Board when complete, seconded by Frank Hendrix. Approved. Next meeting May 7, 2009.

Items for next board meeting (items tabled, assignments given, commitments made):

Minutes approved by board on:

Attested by: _____ Title: _____ Date: _____