

What: South Central WA. RC & D Board Meeting
When: **May 7, 2009 10:00 a.m.**
Where: Yakama Nation DNR building
 4690 State Route 22
 Toppenish, WA. 98948
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Chair: Louis Musso
Vice-Chair: Dick Story
Secretary/Treasurer: Mike Richardson
Administrative Assistant: Holli Wellner



MINUTES – 05/07/09

Board Members/Alternates Present: Louis Musso, Mike Richardson, L.J. DaCorsi, Don Gatchalian, Nicole Berg-Tobin, Chris Johnson, Luz Bazan Gutierrez, Julie Conley

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

Board Members/Staff Absent: Dick Story, Glenn Miller, Walt George, Kevin Bouchey, Phil Rigdon, Carol Ready, Mark McClain, Frank Sweet, David Gerth, Lynn Brown, Betsy Bloomfield, Frank Hendrix, Ron Gamache

Others Present: Jacob Anderson, Jim Hill, Chris Johnson, Steve Andringa, Vic Blandine

Meeting called to order at: 10:00 a.m. by: Louis Musso

Item	Who	Info. Dist.	Outcome
1) Introductions	Louis Musso	N	<p>Quorum Not Met. Louis talked about the possibility of tele-conferencing board meetings in the future to assist members that are unable to travel for meetings so they can still be present and vote.</p> <p>Motion made by Luz Bazan Gutierrez to proceed with meeting & voting but Louis will hold a special meeting by email with other board members to vote to meet the quorum for the meeting, seconded by Mike Richardson.</p> <p>Recommendation.</p>

2) Minutes	Mike Richardson	Y	Motion made by Don Gatchalian to approve minutes as read, seconded by Julie Conley. Recommendation.
3) Budget Report	Holli Wellner	Y	Motion made by Luz Bazan Gutierrez to approve budget report, seconded by Don Gatchalian. Recommendation.
4) YTAHP	Dave Myra	Y	Dave talked about a few of the projects that are going on right now. Contracts are in place for the 2009-2010 funding cycle to BPA. The 2008 preliminary audit has begun.
5) Reecer Creek	Carol Ready	N	Grant applied for through NOAA, project on hold.
6) Woody Biomass Projects	Julie Conley	Y	Julie gave an update on the Tapash Collaborative and Woody Biomass projects. She also explained their goal to have forests without borders. Heather mentioned that the final payment was made to TSS Consultants and that the Feasibility Report will be on the website very soon for public viewing.
7) NRCS update	Chris Johnson	Y	Chris Johnson gave a presentation on the 2008 Farm Bill and NRCS programs. He discussed a little about all the different programs NRCS has to offer.
8) Klickitat/ Skamania proposed annexation	Heather Simmons-Rigdon	Y	Asked for council's support to submit an application to National Level to expand boundaries to Klickitat and Skamania Counties. Motion made by Don Gatchalian to approve Klickitat and Skamania Counties within SCW RC&D seconded by Luz Bazan Gutierrez. Recommendation.
9a) New sponsor	Heather	N	City of Ellensburg agreed to be a sponsor but sponsorship application has not been submitted and no representative came to meeting, so tabled until next meeting. Underwood Conservation District submitted sponsorship application. Motion made by Luz Bazan Gutierrez to accept Underwood Conservation as a new sponsor, seconded by Mike Richardson. Contingent on annexation of Skamania and Klickitat Counties, Recommendation.
9b) Area Plan	Heather	Y	Heather asked the board for some direction on the help of completing the 2010-2014 5 year Area Plan.
10) EE Committee – school garden	Heather	Y	Yakima County E3 plan not yet completed or submitted. Heather has been meeting with E3 groups to try and get it running again. She has been

project			<p>approached by a teacher, Bruce Whitmore, to assist with a school garden project. The project will create raised bed gardens and compost systems at 11 schools. Bruce will be attending training this summer, Heather proposed for RC&D to sponsor the training, and reimburse Bruce's costs (\$355). If project is successful she suggested trying to get a grant next year to have more schools participate. Motion made by Luz Bazan Gutierrez to approve \$355 reimbursement to Bruce Whitmore to attend the school garden training, seconded by Don Gatchalian. Recommendation.</p> <p>Luz also suggested RC&D start a finance committee.</p>
11) National RC&D meeting	Heather	N	Louis Musso, Mike Richardson, and Luz Bazan Gutierrez are scheduled to attend. Rooms are reserved. Heather will be attending as well.
12) Proposed changes in website & e-mail	Heather	Y	Heather went over what we have been paying for in the past and how much. She did some research from a few different local places and also gave a cost sheet of what they can do for us and how much it will save the RC&D. Motion made by Luz Bazan Gutierrez to approve changing the website domain and emails to 3 rd Studio, Inc, seconded by Nicole Berg-Tobin. Recommendation.
13) Computer upgrade for Holli	Heather / Holli	N	The recent clean-up has taken care of most the problems. We will see if the computer continues to run better before deciding on a new computer.
14) Coordinator's Report	Heather	Y	Heather spoke a little more about the EE Committee. Mentioned she needed 72 more surveys for the Area Plan and asked everyone to please fill it out and also to send it out to anyone they know that could fill it out. Louis asked for heather to resend online survey link to council. The annual plan has been signed and returned. NRCS Civil Report National Committee visit postponed, but RC&D council must be prepared. Shiraz will give presentation in September on this.
Other business/adjourn	Louis Musso	N	Next meeting July 9, 2009.

Items for next board meeting (items tabled, assignments given, commitments made): City of Ellensburg sponsorship

Minutes approved by board on:

Attested by: _____ Title: _____ Date: _____