

What: RC & D Board Meeting
When: July 08, 2010, 10:00 a.m.
Where: USDA Service Center Conference Room
 1606 Perry St., Yakima, WA. 98902
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Chair: Louis Musso, III
Vice-Chair: Dick Story
Secretary/Treasurer: Mike Richardson
Administrative Assistant: Holli Wellner



MINUTES – 07/08/10

Board Members/Alternates Present: Louis Musso, Mike Richardson, Chris Klebaum, Betsy Bloomfield, Dick Story, Rebecca Wassell (via GoToMeeting), Fennelle Miller (via GoToMeeting), Frank Sweet

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

Board Members/Staff Absent: Anna Lael, L.J. DaCorsi, Carol Ready, Nicole Berg-Tobin, Luz Bazan Gutierrez, David Gerth, Kevin Bouchey, Frank Hendrix, Reese Lolley, Phil Rigdon

Others Present: Julie Conley (Shrub Steppe/Rangeland Partnership), Dayla Culp, Jon Culp

Meeting called to order at: 10:07 a.m. by: Louis Musso

Item	Who	Info. Dist.	Outcome
1) Introductions	Louis Musso	N	See above.
2) Minutes	Mike Richardson	Y	Motion made by Dick Story to approve the minutes, seconded by Mike Richardson. Motion passed.
3) Budget Report	Holli Wellner	Y	Motion made by Mike Richardson to approve the budget report, seconded by Dick Story. Motion passed.

4) Area / Annual Plans	Area Plan Committee	N	<p>Heather suggested some additional edits to the Strategic Priorities. She will also work on other edits and email them out for comments. Heather discussed the Environmental Education (EE) Committee-there has been no activity and are currently no goals in the Area Plan for EE. Heather feels if there are no goals formulated that this strategy will need to be removed. There were concerns about the relationship between the EE Committee and school districts. Frank talked about the relationship that he has with the Selah School District and the EE committee and that it is working very well. He said he would work on some goals and strategies for EE.</p> <p>Becca invited Heather to help Kittitas County complete their E3 plan to help move the program in Kittitas. Heather felt she needed a “formal” invitation by the larger Kittitas E3 group. Becca will try to organize a meeting between Kittitas E3 members and the School Districts to talk about the future of the program. Heather will attend.</p> <p>There will be a public meeting in Ellensburg for Kittitas County July 21st for the Area Plan. Louis mentioned a Planning Workshop to help with area plans that will be in Spokane at the end of July put on by the National RC&D.</p>
5) Tapash Updates	George Shelton	Y	<p>George described his position and what he is doing as the new Tapash coordinator. He also handed out a summary of all the projects that he has worked on or is working on.</p>
6) Coordinator’s Report	Heather	N	<p>Heather has spent a significant portion of the last two months working on non RC&D activities, due to budget cuts. 15%-20% of her time was allocated to other NRCS programs (non RC&D). She has been helping RC&D partners to apply for AWEP grants. She helped complete 3 AWEP applications, of which two were funded. She also helped write a National and State CIG application for the Ecosystem Services Market project. Heather may be helping Yakama Power with an EPA grant application; this will hopefully lead to the addition of Yakama Power as an RC&D sponsor.</p> <p>Heather introduced Julie Conley with the South Central Wa. Shrub Steppe/Rangelands Partnership, who highlighted the draft “Conservation Strategy for the Shrub Steppe/Rangelands of South Central Washington” and</p>

			asked the Board if they wanted to participate in the Partnership. The Board asked for further clarification and suggested that Julie Conley give a more in depth presentation about the partnership and its objectives at the next meeting.
7) Washington RC&D Assoc. & 8) PAC-RIM meeting	Louis	N	Motion made by Dick Story to pay National RC&D dues of \$450, seconded by Betsy Bloomfield. Approved. Concerns that Pac Rim conference isn't worth the funds. Changes need to be made to the agenda for the conference, less on marketing RC&D and more substance of value to local councils. Everyone would like to see speakers that talk about the mandatory duties of RC&Ds to help the councils with the requirements. Motion made by Dick Story to send Louis only as a representative to try and get above changes at the future conferences, seconded by Chris Klebaum. Frank Sweet opposed, all others approved. Motion passed.
9) YES Group Presentation	Heather / Ryan Anderson	N	Heather did a presentation on the Ecosystem Services Market. Ryan Anderson was not able to attend. She wanted to inform the council of the projects and give them an opportunity to ask any questions.
Other business/adjourn	Louis Musso	N	Discussions occurred about our previous auditor no longer doing our annual audit which cost us \$2k for 2008. Dave got bids from 2 firms one was for \$13,500 and the other for \$5,500 for the 2009 audit. Motion made by Mike Richardson to accept Martin, Holland, and Peterson PLLC's bid to do the 2009 audit for \$5,500, seconded by Dick Story. Motion passed. Meeting was adjourned at Noon. Next meeting will be on September 16, 2010

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

Minutes approved by board on:

Attested by: _____ Title: _____ Date: _____