

What: RC & D Board Meeting  
 When: May 06, 2010, 10:00 a.m.  
 Where: Yakima Basin Fish & Wildlife Recovery Board Off.  
 1110 West Lincoln Ave, Yakima, WA. 98902  
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Chair: Louis Musso, III  
 Vice-Chair: Dick Story  
 Secretary/Treasurer: Mike Richardson  
 Administrative Assistant: Holli Wellner



## MINUTES – 05/06/10

**Board Members/Alternates Present:** Louis Musso, Mike Richardson, Chris Klebaum, Betsy Bloomfield, Nicole Berg-Tobin, Luz Bazan Gutierrez, Dick Story, Rebecca Wassell (via phone) , Fennelle Miller, David Gerth, Don Gatchalian, Frank Hendrix, Reese Lolley, Phil Rigdon

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

**Board Members/Staff Absent:** Frank Sweet, Anna Lael, L.J. DaCorsi, Carol Ready

**Others Present:** Julie Conley (Shrub-Steppe Alliance), Tom Coleman (City of Yakima)

Meeting called to order at: 10:05 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 Frank Hendrix to approve the minutes, seconded by Dick Story. Approved
3) Budget Report	Holli Wellner	Y	Motion made by Frank Hendrix to approve the budget report, seconded by Dick Story. Approved.
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3a) Chase Credit Card	Dave Myra		Motion made by Fennelle Miller for Dave Myra to submit the credit card application to Chase & be a signer/card holder on behalf of RC&D, seconded by Betsy Bloomfield. Approved. If additional signers are needed approval will need to be approved at a future meeting.
4) New Director	Heather Simmons-Rigdon	N	Motion made by Luz Bazan Gutierrez for Reese Lolley to be the board member for The Nature Conservancy, seconded by Dick Story. Approved.
5) Tapash Updates	Reese Lolley	Y	Patty Bean has resigned from the Tapash Coordinator position. George Shelton is proposed to be hired to replace her. The same funding will be used for George that was intended for Patty. George will be employed by RC&D instead of contracted. A job description for George was passed around and there was discussion of his current duties. Motion made by Fennelle Miller to approve the RC&D to employ George Shelton as the Tapash Coordinator, seconded by Betsy Bloomfield. Approved. Motion made by Betsy Bloomfield to retroactive pay to first month of employment being April, seconded by Dick Story. Approved.
6) YTAHP update	Dave Myra	Y	Started the new year on April 1. He is in the process of closing out last years vouchers that ended on March 31. Gave a little update on all the current projects. Mentioned trying to set up field trips to see the projects first hand.
7) Project Updates	Heather	N	Discussed updates of the BPA Farm Energy Efficiency Program. The legal department and contractors have put the project on hold until a more detailed agreement has been drawn up for all the RC&Ds involved. She will let everyone know when the project starts up again. Discussed the Coordinated Weeds Management Area project. Has a meeting with a few managers this afternoon to discuss boundaries and next steps.
8) New Project	Heather	Y	Heather & Tom Coleman explained the proposal for the new Conservation Innovation Grant - Ecosystem Services Market for Water Quality in Yakima Basin project. Project letter of intents were passed out. Louis suggested a summary of the application to be send out electronically to the board 10 days prior to deadline for review & vote via email. The board agreed. Nicole also suggested a line item on proposals for a possible project manager assistant to

			help Heather with the projects.
9) Online Meetings	Heather	Y	Motion made by Frank Hendrix to allow Heather to order online meeting software (GoToMeeting from TechSoup) and upgrade the RC&D laptop to use at future meetings, seconded by Dick Story. Approved. There will be an unofficial meeting in June to test the online meeting before officially using it at the July meeting.
10) Mileage Policy	Heather	Y	Heather went off the mileage policy that Mike Tobin drafted up earlier. Motion made by Frank Hendrix to adopt the mileage policy as read, seconded by Dick Story. Approved.
11) CD MOU's	Heather	N	MOU needed between RC&D and CD's stating what each is contributing to the partnership (as required by WSCC). Motion made by Frank Hendrix to sign the memorandum of understanding with conservation districts, seconded by Dick Story. Approved.
12) Area / Annual Plans	Area Plan Committee	N	Louis discussed their meetings. The plans are about 90% drafted. There is a goal to start the public meetings in July. They will try to have a public meeting in each county.
13) Coordinator's Report	Heather	N	Heather gave an update on her program funding and activities on non-RC&D funding she was given to compensate RC&D budget cuts. She has been working with the Yakama Nation on an application to the AWEPP program, and will be working with Kittitas CD as well.
14) Washington RC&D Assoc.	Louis	N	Louis informed that there is now a Washington State RC&D council and that they are registered with the National RC&D and PacRim. PacRim meeting is coming up on September 6-8 in Homer, Alaska. Tentative members to attend are Louis Musso, Fennelle Miller, & Phil Rigdon.
15) Presentation	Derek Churchill	N	Derek Churchill gave a presentation on the RC&D Forest Health Prescription Study.
Other business/adjourn	Louis Musso	N	Next meeting will be on July 8, 2010.

Items for next board meeting (items tabled, assignments given, commitments made): Mileage Policy, Area/Annual Plan Committee

Minutes approved by board on:

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