MINUTES OF THE HIGH COUNTRY RC&D BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

October 28th, 2010

Those Present: See attached list

Kimber Ricks, Vice-Chair, called the meeting to order at 1:02 p.m. He welcomed everyone in attendance and introductions were given.

Minutes of meeting on 8/5/10: Minutes from 8/5/10 meeting were reviewed. Paul Romrell made a motion to approve the minutes. Wayne Butts seconded. Motion passed.

Financial Report: Tammy gave a current financial report. The RC&D operating budget as of 8/5/10 is $14,095.68, with $24,731.05 of outstanding project expenses that will be reimbursed. Wayne Butts made a motion to accept the financial report as given. Paul Romrell seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Report on the Idaho RC&D Association Fall mtg.: Kimber and Pam gave an update from the meeting. Announcing that next year's Western States RC&D Conference will be March 13-16 in Lewiston, ID. Kimber asked everyone to think about items to donate for the silent auction to raise money. This will be added to the bottom of all emails until the meeting. Please consider asking people and businesses in your community and county. Pam said that the training for coordinators given at the meeting was very helpful. Another item for consideration was cash donations for a speaker at the conference. Any business that wants to have a booth at the conference could attend as well. (This will also be added to the bottom of emails as a note).

Cloud Seeding update: Kimber acknowledged all that Paul Romrell has done for the cloud seeding project, and thanked him for his time and efforts. Paul said a few words about the project and Idaho Powers contribution to it. He also thanked all those who have helped with the project. Kimber asked if there were any groups that weren't participating and asked the Board to reflect on their individual circle of influence and consider those who could participate in the cloud seeding project.

Report on the Wildland Fire Conference: Wayne Butts gave a short report on the conference he attended and said that it was beneficial. Tod Shenton asked a question about whether some of the Title 3 money can be used for RC&D for fire prevention projects. Wayne said he would check on it.

New Measure Proposals:

- Playground equipment for Ririe Elementary School: Ron Perrnoud gave a brief presentation to the Board in support of the proposal. He said that they need help finding funding for the playground. The kids are currently walking the 2 ½ blocks to the old playground when they can. Paul asked Pam if she had any ideas for funding possibilities. The board agreed that this proposal was worth supporting. Brett Barsalou motioned to support the project. Paul Romrell seconded. Motion passed
- Community Canopy: Pam gave a brief summary of the project idea for Gary Bates. Pam's recommendation was that it was a good project and would help communities in the area. A motion to support the project was given by Tod Shenton. Wayne Butts seconded. Motion passed.

Project Updates: Pam gave a brief summary of the projects she is working on. There is a backlog of about 15 projects that she is trying to update. During the discussion Wayne Butts suggested using RAC (Resource Advisory Committee) money for cloud seeding. He said he would email Pam the information for RAC.

Pam also introduced to the Board a pilot project from the Bonneville Power Administration. The project would work with local farmer's to help cost-share an audit on their irrigation power generators. Kimber asked what the next step was. Pam said that it was still in the "talking stages." Brett asked for her to bring more information at the next meeting.

Other Business:

- RC&D Annual Assessment Checklist was presented by Pam and reviewed by the Board. She said that the Area Plan has not yet been approved in D.C. but that we can go ahead and work on it, assuming that it'll be accepted.
- The Program Appraisal will be completed in January/February of 2011.
- An External Financial review will be completed by May 31, 2011. Kimber asked if Tammy could get an estimate from Rudd & Co. for the review as well as an audit. The Board agreed that an audit, although not mandatory, may be a good idea since coordinators have switched.
- **Suggested Annual Plan of Work for 2011:** Pam presented to the Board the work plan for 2011, and asked for comments/suggestions. The Board agreed that it was in accordance with the area plan and Brett motioned to accept the plan. Wayne Butts seconded. Motion passed.
- **All Hazardous Plans:** Pam asked everyone to talk to their county about flooding issues. She also suggested that everyone be prepared to feed information and give priorities for their counties, if the RC&D can help them.

Brett Barsalou thanked RC&D and the Board for their support. He offered to orientate his replacement. A suggestion to use the next meeting in January as an orientation and Pot-luck was purposed. The Board all supported this idea.

Next Meeting: Will be held on January 27, 2011 at 1:00 p.m. in Rexburg at the Madison County Commissioners meeting room and will be a pot-luck. Please bring something to share.

Brett Barsalou motioned to adjourn the meeting. Wayne Butts seconded. Meeting adjourned at 3:03 p.m.

Attendance for the High Country RC&D Board of Directors Meeting

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COUNTY	BOARD OF DIRECTORS	AGENCIES & OTHERS
Bonneville	Absent	Tammy Egbert, RC&D Administrative Asst.
Butte	Kent Cummins	Pam Herdrich, NRCS-RC&D, Rexburg
Clark	Tod Shenton	Sabrina Lear, RC&D Project Asst.
Custer	Wayne Butts	Woody Anderson, City of St. Anthony
Fremont	Paul Romrell	Ron Perrenoud, Ririe School District
Jefferson	Debbie Karren	
Lemhi	Brett Barslou	
Madison	Kimber Ricks	
Teton	Absent	
Teton, WY	Absent	