

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

March 25th 2010

Those Present: See attached list

Chairman Dave Radford called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. He welcomed everyone in attendance and had introductions.

Dave had those present give a short remark about Steve Smart. A few things mentioned included his love for Idaho, people, and the environment; his pleasant and inviting personality; his energy and willingness to try anything new; his devotion to his work; his band and children; and how little credit he wanted for his great accomplishments.

Bryce Fowler, Fremont County Weed Supervisor, Steve Hobley, Madison County Weed Supervisor, and Adrienne Keller, U.S. Forest Service gave a presentation on the Holding the Line – Smart Project, along with a question and answer period.

Randy Purser, IASCD Division VI Director gave a presentation on the funding challenges and opportunities for the Idaho Soil & Water Conservation Districts. It was suggested that if the RC&D could put on a grant school for districts they could really benefit.

Paul Romrell, Cloud Seeding Committee Chairman gave a presentation on the Upper Snake River Watershed Cloud Seeding Program and their expansion plans.

Bob Tribelhorn, NRCS Area Conservationist/RC&D Program Manager gave a presentation on the program updates including the new performance criteria and our Area Plan with a question and answer period.

Lunch was provided.

Minutes of meeting on 11-19-09: Minutes from last meeting were read and reviewed. Paul made a motion to approve the minutes. Michelle Second. Minutes were approved.

Proposed Budget 2010 and Financial Report: Tammy gave the proposed budget for 2010. Wayne made a motion to accept the proposed budget. Allyn seconded the motion. Motion Passed. Tammy gave the current financial report. The RC&D operating budget as of 3-25-10 is \$37,478.84. Wayne made a motion to accept the financial report as given. Paul seconded motion. Motion passed.

Idaho RC&D Meeting: Dave and Kimber commented on the IRCD meeting on March 15-16, 2010 in Eagle Idaho. Comments were made on the variety of projects and the potential for city projects within our area. Idaho will sponsor the 2011 Western RC&D Conference will be held March 18-20 in Lewiston. The board would like to see good support and attendance; including help in finding silent auction donations. The IRCDA spring meeting with bee combined with the Western meeting.

New Projects Proposals:

- Fort Henry Bicentennial- Asking for help to find \$14,000 in grant funds to finish funding the Henry statue and building. Committee withdrew their proposal when Fremont County proposed to pay for the project.
- Chemical Storage Shed for Madison County – Asking for help to find \$15,000 in grant funds. Wayne made the motion to help with grant assistance. Allyn seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Project Updates: A 2009 High Country RC&D Annual Report was handed out that gave an update of the projects we have worked on in the past year.

Annual Plan of Work: The High Country RC&D Annual Plan of Work for 2010 was discussed and reviewed. Paul made a motion to accept this plan of work. Kimber seconded. Motion passed.

2010-2014 Area Plan: Tammy will set up a meeting for Dave Radford, Rich Woodland and have Bob Tribelhorn on the phone to do some wording changes to the plan. Paul made the motion to except the Area Plan with the changes that will be implemented. Kimber seconded the motion. Motion Passed.

Other Business:

- Next meeting the board will appoint a new treasurer if Lou will no longer be representing Teton County.
- Michelle made a motion to have a plaque made for Steve Smart using HCRC&D funds. Craig Shermon seconded the motion. Motion Passed.

Next board meeting will the Annual Sponsors Meeting and will be held in Rexburg on Thursday May 27, 2010.

Meeting adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

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<u>COUNTY</u>	<u>BOARD OF DIRECTORS</u>	<u>AGENCIES & OTHERS</u>
Bonneville	Dave Radford	Tammy Egbert, RC&D program Asst.
Butte	Kent Cummins	Shawnee Orr, RC&D program Asst.
Clark	Allyn May	Bob Tribelhorn, NRCS/RC&D
Custer	Wayne Butts	Lindsay Markeguard, NRCS- Teton
Fremont	Paul Romrell	Howard Johnson, NRCS - Rigby
Jefferson	Michelle Harrington	Brian McLain, U of I Extension
Lemhi	Absent	Amy Taylor, Senator Risch Rep.
Madison	Kimber Ricks	Clair Boyle, Madison Economic Dev.
Teton	Absent	
Teton, WY	Absent	

SPONSORS

Woody Andersen, City of St. Anthony
Neils Thueson, City of St. Anthony
Lynn Bagley, Teton SCD
Kathy Rinaldi, Teton County
Craig Sherman, City of Victor
Rich Woodland, City of Rexburg
Meg Briggs, Jefferson SWCD
Glenn Dalling, City of Sugar City
Robbie Taylor, Madison/Clark SCD
Randy Purser, Butte SWCD
Greag Blaser, Madison SWCD

PRESENTERS

Steve Hobley, Madison County Weed
Bryce Fowler, Fremont County Weed
Adriennie Keller, USDA Forest Service