

Attendance for the High Country RC&D Annual Sponsors Meeting

March 26, 2009

COUNTY

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Dave Radford

Tammy Egbert, RC&D Program Asst.

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Wayne Butts

Fremont

Paul Romrell

Jefferson

Michelle Harrington

Lemhi

Absent

Madison

Kimber Ricks

Teton

Lou Christensen

Teton, WY

Absent

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Pete McGarry, Mud Lake SWCD

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Woody Anderson, City of St. Anthony

Cathy Stegelmier, City of Ashton

Shawn Larsen, City of Rexburg

Robbie Taylor, Madison and Clark SCD's

PRESENTERS

Wes Stumbo, US Forest Service, Idaho Falls

Don Dixon, Senator Crapo's Office, Idaho Falls

Bryce Fowler, Fremont County Weed Control

MINUTES OF THE HIGH COUNTRY RC&D ANNUAL SPONSORS MEETING

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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 comment on the activities that are going on in their communities.

Wes Stumbo with the Caribou-Targhee NFS discussed the Economic Stimulus Plan, along with a question and answer period.

Bryce Fowler, Fremont County Weed Supervisor gave a presentation on the Eurasian Watermilfoil and Aquatic Nuisance Species, along with a question and answer period.

Don Dixon with Senator Crapo's office gave an update on the Farm Bill and Agriculture Issues, along with a question and answer period.

Lunch was provided.

Minutes of meeting on 1-29-09: Paul Romrell made a motion to accept the minutes as written. Wayne Butts seconded. Motion passed.

Proposed Budget 2009 and Financial Report: Lou Christensen gave the proposed budget for 2009. He also gave the current financial report. The RC&D operating budget as of 3-26-09 is \$48,274.27. Kimber Ricks made a motion to accept the proposed budget and financial report as given. Paul Romrell seconded motion. Motion passed. There was also a discussion on the current 5% administration fee that had been previously discussed at our October 2008 meeting. Wayne Butts made a motion to raise the RC&D administration fee to 6% on those projects that can be justified. Paul Romrell seconded. Motion passed.

Bank Signature Card: Allyn May made a motion to have the following board members sign checks for the RC&D Account: Paul Romrell, Kimber Ricks, Dave Radford, and Louis Christensen. Wayne Butts seconded. Motion passed.

Report on the IRCDA Spring Meeting: Kimber Ricks, Shawn Larsen, Randy Purser, and Wayne Butts attended this meeting in Boise on March 9-10th. Dave asked each one to give a short report on how they benefited by attending this meeting. Kimber stated that he enjoyed John Luthy's presentation and learned the difference between a Strategic Plan and Action Plan. It helped him to better understand what RC&D is and was impressed with the several projects state-wide. Shawn mentioned that he gained a better understanding of RC&D at the state level and is working on issues at the local level. He put in two projects from the city to be included in the Economic Stimulus Package. Wayne enjoyed the presentation from John Luthy and learned about outlining strategic planning and getting everyone involved. Reach out and coordinate with all agencies and partners. Steve mentioned that he visited with Randy Purser, Division VI District Director about the meeting. He enjoyed the meeting also, learning that you need to walk the point-stepping up. There was also a discussion about the second day, which was the business meeting. Wayne Butts made a motion that a request be made to the IRCDA Officers and Association to have the business portion shortened and kept on task and leave more time for the individual RC&D Councils to present successful RC&D projects. Kimber Ricks seconded. Motion passed. Dave appreciated those who attended and would like to see council members continue to attend meetings in the future. He will pass the motion made onto the Idaho RC&D Association officers.

New Measures

Stage System: Lou Christensen presented this project proposal. The Teton Valley Foundation has been hosting musical events since 2006 and would like to purchase a portable stage system to be used for theatrical and artistic productions both local and invitational in Teton Valley. They are seeking \$20,000 and asking High Country RC&D for grant assistance to acquire a stage system. Wayne Butts made a motion to accept this as a new project. Allyn May seconded. Motion passed. It was mentioned that the Idaho Community Foundation would be a good one to apply to.

Ammon Senior Citizen Activity Park Project: Ken Knoch presented this project proposal. This park would be located at the west end of McCowin Park in Ammon and would benefit the seniors living in nearby neighborhoods and senior living centers. It would provide a place for them to go and address their on-going health and wellness requirements in a safe outdoor environment. Funding needed to develop and complete this park is \$350,000. They are asking High Country RC&D for grant assistance to raise the funds needed. Paul Romrell made a motion to accept this as a new project and HCRC&D would receive 6% administrative fees if funded. Lou Christensen seconded. Motion passed.

Project Update: A 2008 High Country RC&D Annual Report was handed out that gave an update of the projects we have worked on in the past year. Steve Smart also reported on the current status of the Cooperative Weed Management Areas, Henrys Lake Eurasian Watermilfoil, All Hazards Mitigation Plans Project, Wildland Urban Interface Community Assistance, and Bio Control projects.

Annual Plan of Work: Steve handed out the High Country RC&D Annual Plan of Work for 2009, which was discussed and reviewed. Wayne Butts made a motion to accept this plan of work. Allyn May seconded. Motion passed.

Election of High Country RC&D Officers for 2009-2011: Michelle Harrington nominated Dave Radford for Chairman. Lou Christensen seconded. Motion passed. Paul Romrell nominated Kimber Ricks for Vice-Chairman. Wayne Butts seconded. Motion passed. Kimber Ricks appointed Lou Christensen for Secretary/Treasurer.

Other Business: Dave continued having those that did not have a turn at the beginning of the meeting give a short comment on the activities that are going on in their communities.

Wayne Butts offered to hold the tour this summer in Custer County. This will be discussed further at the next Board of Directors meeting on May 21, 2009.

Meeting adjourned at 2:40 p.m.