

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

September 15, 2011

**Those in attendance:** Derek Blestrud and Shaun Parkinson, Idaho Power; Kimber Ricks, Madison County; Milo Wrigley, HCRC&D-BPA; Kelly Park, Teton County; Lee Miller, Fremont County; Greg Shenton, Clark County; Woody Anderson, City of St. Anthony; Bud Hillman, Frome Park; Bryce Fowler, Fremont County; Marty and Conni Owen, Let It Snow; Dave Radford, Bonneville County; Taylor Lugo, Idaho Power (Launches); Tammy Egbert, HCRC&D; and Lori Ringel, HCRC&D-BPA.

**Minutes of meeting on 6/30/11:** The minutes were reviewed with a motion to accept the minutes as written by Lee Miller. Kimber Ricks seconded the motion. Motion passed.

**Financial Report:** Tammy gave a current financial report. The operating budget as of 9/15/11 is: \$28,985.90, with a total of \$10,425.90 project expenses out for reimbursement. Kimber Ricks made a motion to accept the report as given. Kelly Park seconded the motion. Motion passed.

**QuickBooks Update:** Tammy suggested she would like some additional training in setting up the projects in QuickBooks. Lori Ringel has suggested B&S Accounting from Ashton that could do this for around a \$1,000. This expense would come out of the BPA grant. Lee Miller made a motion to have B&S Accounting help with QuickBooks set up. Kimber Ricks seconded. Motion passed.

**Bureau of Homeland Security Grant:** Greg Adams, Teton County Emergency Management Coordinator has contacted the High Country RC&D to see if we would be willing to administration a grant that he will be submitting on updating the nine county area Fire Mitigation Plans. It will be four to five months before he knows if the grant has been awarded. Kelly Park made a motion to have RC&D administration this grant. Kimber Ricks seconded. Motion passed.

**BPA Ag Energy Efficiency Program:** Lori Ringel was present to give an update report on this program. Lori is presently the Program Manager, along with Rumsey Engineering hired as the Field Energy Analyst and Milo Wrigley as the Marketing Director. Benchmarks obtained to date include: 5 of the 8 utilities have signed contracts to participate in the energy efficiency program; 21 field energy audits have been conducted in three of the five participating utilities; met with an additional utility in Nevada that may participate next year, which could potentially add 3-4 more Conservation Districts to the program. The Ag Energy Staff has been invited to present our program to the Harvesting Clean Energy Conference in Boise on Oct. 23-25. High Country has been verbally assured this program will continue for the next 2-4 years.

**Idaho RC&D Association Fall Meeting:** This will be held in Hailey, Idaho on September 29-30<sup>th</sup>. Dave Radford and Kimber Ricks are planning to attend.

**Other Business:** A fundraising letter has been put together that will be sent out to all the sponsors of High Country RC&D asking for a donation in addition to the annual dues to help support the continuation and operation of the RC&D office.

**Next Meeting:** Will be held on Thursday, October 27<sup>th</sup> from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. in the Fremont County Annex Building Small Conference Room.