



Calendar of Events

HCRC&D Board Members:

The next meeting will be held on March 31st at the Madison Library from 10am-2pm. Lunch provided.

Henry's Fork CWMA:

The next meeting will be held on March 16th 9:30 am at the Madison County Mosquito & Weed Office.

Holding the Line:

The next meeting will be held on March 16th at 1pm at the Madison Court House in Rexburg.

Thank You Sponsors!

Conservation Districts:

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Clark SCD
Custer SWCD
Eastside SWCD
Jefferson SWCD
Lemhi SWCD
Madison SWCD
Teton SCD
Teton, WY CD
Westside SWCD
Yellowstone SCD

County Commissions:

Bonneville
Butte
Clark
Custer
Fremont
Jefferson
Lemhi
Madison
Teton
Teton, WY

Cities:

Ammon
Ashton
Challis
Driggs
Dubois
Idaho Falls
Iona
Mud Lake
Rexburg
Rigby
St. Anthony
Sugar City
Ucon
Victor

High Country RC&D Board Members:

Chair - Dave Radford, Bonneville County

Vice Chair - Kimber Ricks, Madison County

Secretary/Treasurer - Debbie Karren, Jefferson County

Board Members - Kent Cummins, Butte County; Tod Shenton, Clark County; Wayne Butts, Custer County; Kelly Park, Teton County; Lee Miller, Fremont County; John Jakovac, Lemhi County; Boyd Bowles, Teton Conservation District.

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Goodbyes and Some New "Hellos"

It's that time of the year when we say, "Out with the old and in with the new." It gets hard to say, "out with the old" when it means saying goodbye to many of our valued board members. Last month at High Country's board meeting we said farewell to three of our past board members serving as commissioners in their respective counties.



erson County Board Member who was replaced by Debbie Karren, Jefferson County; and Shawnee Orr who served as our Program Assistant for almost three years while attending BYU-Idaho in Rexburg.

But, like the saying goes: "in with the new." Last summer we welcomed our new NRCS/RC&D Coordinator, Pam Herdrich (See the Fall 2010 newsletter) along with our new Program Assistant, Sabrina Lear; who joined the staff in October.

For 2011, we welcomed four new members to the Board: Lee Miller is a Board Member repre-

senting Fremont County; John Jakovac is a Board Member from Lemhi County; Tod Shenton is a Board Member from Clark County; while Kelly Park is a newly appointed Board Member from Teton County.

We welcome all these new members and give a BIG "Thank You" to the past members who served so willingly. ■



Dave Radford, Chairman of the Board, with exiting Secretary/Treasurer Paul Romrell.

There were three board members leaving at the beginning of 2011: Brett Barsalou for Lemhi County; Ailyn May for Clark County; and Paul Romrell for Fremont County. All these men represented their counties well and were a great joy to work with on the High Country Board.

Also last year in 2010 we said farewell to Michelle Harrington, Jef-

"I don't know what your destiny will be, but one thing I do know: the only ones among you who will be really happy are those who have sought and found to serve."

-Albert Schweitzer

Sponsors meeting to be held in March

Each year, High Country RC&D holds an annual "Sponsors Meeting" in the spring. This meeting is combined with a Board of Directors meeting and is focused on bringing all the sponsors and legislative representatives together. This year the meeting will be held on Thursday March 31st from 10am till 2pm with

lunch provided. We plan on holding this year's annual sponsors meeting at the newly renovated Madison County Library in Rexburg.

On the agenda will be a brief introduction period with all the sponsors, Board members, and staff telling a little about their involvement with High Country RC&D. We will also hear from Dave Schmidt, Area Conservationist with NRCS, who will give a summary of last months QAR (Quality Assurance Review) that he helped on. The QAR is a helpful assessment of the RC&D's strengths and possible areas of improvement. Strengthening the

RC&D can only come with the help from everyone involved, not just the staff.

Pam Herdrich, NRCS/HCRC&D coordinator will give a presentation on current projects so all can see what is going on in the High Country ten-county area. After lunch the board meeting will be held, which all sponsors and legislative representatives are welcome to attend. The address for the library is: 73 North Center Street Rexburg, 83440. We'll see you there! ■

"Good work ain't cheap, cheap work ain't good."
- Norman "Sailor Jerry" Collins



Tammy Egbert, Administrative Assistant; Kimber Ricks, Board Member- Vice Chair; Pam Herdrich, Coordinator

Cloud Seeding Report Nov-December-January

The cloud seeding season started out great in November with a few good storms. This year is a La Nina year as many can witness, which has been somewhat favorable to the cloud seeding efforts. On the 15th November Let it Snow, Inc. along with Clark County started operations and ran for a total of 650 hours in the month. Idaho Power ran a total of 172 hours for the month of No-

vember. In December things got better and Let it Snow was able to run a total of 847hrs while Idaho Power ran a total of 245 hours on their 14 generators. There were some issues with the Let it Snow generators that caused them to plug up so valves had to be opened wider to prevent clogging. This in effect used up more chemical than expected. Chemical prices for silver iodide have

also risen significantly because of the price of silver.

In January, the weather didn't favor seeding. Let it Snow ran only 401 hours out of the budgeted 1625 hours. Idaho Power ran a total of 128 hours in January as well. Year-to-date Let it Snow has run a total of 1898 hours while Idaho Power ran 546 hours. ■



Meet a Board Member - LeRoy Miller: Fremont County Commissioner

LeRoy (Lee) Miller is one of the newest Board Members to join the High Country RC&D Board. Although Lee is new to the High Country Board he is not new to its purpose. Lee is now in his second term as a Fremont County Commissioner. He is excited to be on the commission and said that it has always been a life-long goal.

Lee grew up in the St. Anthony area and has lived there most of his life. He attended high school in Fremont County and then went on to earn his Associate Degree at Ricks College in Rexburg. Lee also attended Idaho State University for a time and studied political science and education.

Lee is married to Karen Miller and together they have two boys and one girl. Their children are scattered around with one living in St.

Anthony, one in Idaho Falls, and the other living in North Dakota.

Lee has always been busy. Whether it is volunteering his time with his church or working with others on a committee of some kind. Along with his work as a commissioner he served for 13 years on the South Fremont Fire Commission. Lee enjoys working with the public and is proud of Local and State governments.

Currently, Lee works for Hathaway Custom Homes, Inc. where he deals in sales. He has been with the company for over 17 years. Previously to working at Hathaways, Lee worked for 24 years at Idaho Forest Industries prior to the stud mill closing.

Lee is excited to be working with High Country RC&D although he isn't afraid to say that he doesn't



know much about our projects. He is new to the Board but has been prepped by former Board Member Paul Romrell on what to expect. When asked about how he feels to be on the Board Lee said: "I'm excited for this new challenge that lies ahead. High Country seems to have a lot of great involvement in the community." ■

Excerpt from the National Catalyst

The Circle of Diamonds (COD) member status is a way of demonstrating that an RC&D Council has met a certain level of application criteria and thereby demonstrates good stewardship of their nonprofit organization. Recently the Performance Improvement Team (PIT) requirements were instated and gives additional significance to COD membership. There is a Basic

level, Enhanced level and Premier level standing awarded by the National RC&D Associated. As of September 2010, 193 RC&D Councils have become Basic (Tier 1) level members while 10 have been granted Enhanced (Tier 2) level membership.

At this time no Idaho RC&D Council is a COD member. High Country RC&D is taking on the

challenge of becoming a COD member this year. Our hope is to meet all the necessary requirements by the end of the year if not by the first of next year. This added level of credibility will greatly enhance our local RC&D. ■

"True change takes place in the imagination."
- Thomas Moore