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Five Rivers RC&D Council Meeting Minutes – February 14th, 2013

President Jessica Jones called the regular meeting of the Five Rivers Resource Conservation & Development Council to order at 9:36 a.m. at the Five Rivers RC&D office in Tecumseh, Nebraska.

Members Present:

Nemaha NRD – Scott Kudrna	Richardson County- Jim Davidson
At-Large – Jessica Jones	Jefferson County – Jim Frager
Johnson County – Tom Hamer	Lower Big Blue NRD –Bob Lorenz
Nemaha County – Marvin Bohling	

Members Absent:

Otoe County - Alfred Gigstad ; Saline County – Willis Luedke; At-Large – Paul Rohrbaugh;
At-Large – Mary Kruger; At Large – Dale Haverty; Gage County – Myron Dorn ;
At-Large – Wilmer Schlake; Pawnee County – Alan Richard

Staff and Volunteers: Bobbie Meints, Executive Director

Introductions: None.

Additions to Agenda: Revisions to the agenda are highlighted in red ink.

Minutes: A motion was made by Davidson and seconded by Lorenz to approve the January 17th, 2013 minutes as presented and previously mailed. Motion carried.

Bills and Financial Report: Meints reported that the executive committee contacted Scott Kudrna to get a professional banker's opinion about the current CD with Farmers Bank of Cook, the rate, and the state of our current checking account balance. It was determined to withdrawal \$6,796.46 from the \$36, 796.46 CD, leaving the CD balance at an even \$30,000.00. This will be reflected on March's financial report.

Bohling made the motion and Frager seconded the motion to accept the financial report as presented. Motion passed. Frager then made the motion, which was seconded by Bohling to pay the bills as presented. This motion passed as well.

Staff Report: Meints provided the Council with an update of the current events and projects.

Update of Volunteer Hours: A volunteer hours reporting form was circulated.

Unfinished Business:

Fundraising Opportunities/Brainstorming: President Jones asked if any members had any new fundraising ideas. Frager stated that he felt it could be beneficial to look into hosting an open house type of event with a silent auction. He stated that they have held events like this in Fairbury in the past and they have raised several thousands of dollars.

Jones also reported that she is researching grant opportunities for birding.

Facility Committee Report –Jones/Hamer/Richard: President Jones stated that she and Meints did a walk-through and have an itemized list of all inventory. Meints will be distributing the list shortly.

Kudrna asked why the Council is keeping inventory that is not essential to the operation of the organization at this time. This was discussed with the members who were present and it was determined that all items not critical to the operations of the organization, should be given to partners and/or sold rather than being put into storage, which may be have to be moved or sold at a later date.

Meints reported that she would contact Howard McNiff and arrange a time for him to visit the office and help go through what needs to stay and what can be discarded.

Jones also stated that she will contact the Facility Committee (Hamer/Kruger/Richard/Jones) to discuss the scope of responsibilities for the Executive Director position during this transition to work at home.

New Business:

Review/Update Bylaws: President Jones stated that she has not had the opportunity to review the bylaws in full yet. It was reported, however that the Executive Committee would like to amend the bylaws to include an attendance policy of some sort. Jones asked the Council members to think about what they feel would be an acceptable policy. She stated that this will be discussed at the March meeting.

Governor's Point of Light Award – Thursday, February 21, 2013 at 10:30 am at the Warner Chamber on the 2nd floor of the State Capitol building in Lincoln. Members will need to arrive by 10:15 am. : Jones reminded the members of the award ceremony. Approximately twelve members and guests are expected to be present during the ceremony.

2013 Grazing Conference –Chip Hines: Meints reported that she had received information from Paul Rohrbaugh regarding a referral for this years' grazing conference featured speaker. Meints circulated information about the speaker. The members agreed to proceed with the planning and to open a project.

Projects to open: Kudrna made the motion to open Proj. 13-325 – 2013 Time to Change: A Strategic Grazing Management Workshop featuring Chip Hines. Bohling seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Projects to close: None

Other Business:

Western RC&D Association Conference –Members were reminded of the upcoming Conference. Jones asked for approval of Meints's western expenses to be paid up front and later reimbursed by the Nebraska RC&D Association. Davidson made the motion to approve the expenses. Kudrna seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Roundtable: Council members shared current and upcoming events and other news in their respective areas.

Council Meeting was adjourned with a motion from Frager and second by Lorenz. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Bobbie L Meints

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