

Northeast Nebraska RC&D Council
Meeting Minutes
Monday, March 26, 2012

President Dennis Wacker called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m., March 26, 2012 at the Ponca Public Schools in Ponca, NE. Jane Armstrong hosted the meeting.

President Wacker introduced Andrea Johansen from Grace's Garden, a newly opened business in downtown which was toured prior to the meeting. Andrea also works at Ponca State Park and updated the Council on upcoming events. Michelle Rinas, Secondary Principal of the Ponca Schools provided an update on the \$1.9 expansion to the school and stated there are approximately 430 students currently enrolled at Ponca Schools.

The following was added to the agenda: Personnel Review. Motion by Bud Knuth, seconded by Gary Howey to approve the agenda with additions. Motion carried.

Jim Rabe moved to approve the minutes as mailed. Stan Baier seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

Roll call showed the following members present: Dick Haskin, Susan Fields, Maurice Ketter, Jane Armstrong, Virginia Buerman, Dennis Wacker, Paul Dangberg, Jim Rabe, Gary Howey, Stan Baier and Bud Knuth.

Excused: Glen Anderson, Gary Stapelman, Jerry Schroeder, Donna Schroeder and Janet Gill.

Absent: Arden Uhlir and Mike Crosley.

Guests: Andrea Johansen and Michelle Rinas.

Staff: Carol Peters and Volunteer Jan Jorgensen.

The Treasurer's Report was presented by Dick Haskin. It was moved by Gary Howey, seconded by Jane Armstrong to pay the submitted bills, accept the report and file it for audit. Motion carried.

The Annual spring meeting for Nebraska RC&D's will be April 12th, at 10:00 a.m. in Grand Island. All Council members are invited to attend, but must let Carol know soon for a head count.

Jan Jorgensen reviewed the letters prepared requesting financial support for memberships to Northeast Nebraska RC&D. PSA Carol Peters challenged all board members to become Associate Members as donors to the RC&D.

Stan Baier moved to approve the rate increase requested by Michel Rasmussen from \$15.00 to \$20.00 per hour for updating the website. Seconded by Susan Fields. Motion carried.

Virginia Buerman suggested the Personnel Committee meet at 7 p.m. prior to the April 23rd RC&D meeting in Bloomfield to conduct a review with Carol. Those serving on that committee are Virginia Buerman, Dick Haskin and Dennis Wacker.

Virginia Buerman updated the Council on the upcoming Antique Critique to be held in Hartington at Tooties Hall, 603 N. Robinson, Hwy 57, on Saturday, March 31 from 10:00 to 2:00. All plans are coming together.

President Wacker feels the Wildflower Tour should be held the end of June or early in July. Game and Parks staff will be asked about dates that work best for them.

Dick Haskin updated the council on the "Bliss Tour" to be led by Dennis Vossberg in Holt and Antelope County in May. Tourism marketing grants will be submitted to both counties for financial assistance.

A report was given by Dennis Wacker and Carol Peters on the recent computer/electronic equipment collection held during the month of February and into mid-March. All items to be recycled had been picked up on Saturday, March 24 by EDT. Plainview FFA group loaded it all on the truck. Discussion was held on applying for a CHS grant to include both electronics and household hazardous waste, all of which are still being requested by citizens.

Eleven Organic Farming meetings were held across Nebraska during March. The meeting in Bloomfield on March 20 was attended by 18 people.

Stan Baier updated the council on the Wau-Col Water Project saying they will start laying pipe this week and the water tower in Wausa should be up by the end of April. Belden will host a project celebration event on April 20th.

All board members were reminded to sign their conflict of interest forms.

President Wacker adjourned the meeting at 3:30 p.m., March 26, 2012. The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, April 23th, 7:30 p.m., at Sally's, 112 East Main Street, Bloomfield, NE hosted by Gill Realty and Auction LLC.

Acting Secretary – Carol Peters

Minutes approved this _____ day of _____, 2012.

Acting Secretary

President