

Western Board meeting - teleconference October 13, 2008
Meeting called to order at 5:10 pm by President Robert Perry (Bob)

Members present:

Joe Leichtnam, Clyde Hanson- 2nd Vice-President, Bruce Kroetch, Susie Kline-Treasurer, Nellie Zion, Secretary. Bob Chip Southerland Coordinator Bitter Rout RC&D from Montana, Sue Southerland, Coordinator close to Mazola and Jim freeman President from Bitter Rout RC&D.

Conference 2010: Bruce introduces the representatives from Montana and the interest they had. Montana asked questions regarding funding and what assistance the board can provide. Bob explains the funding and the seed money. Jim promotes the ease of flying in to Montana, the great accommodations, rates will be comparable they are looking at a time line of knowing by the 30th of October – there is general support for now. They will be able to make the presentation at the conference in Spearfish 2009. Welcome! .

South Dakota Conference:

Bruce reinforced that the State Reports are in place of the success Stories as in the past.

Joe explained how the awards are chosen an importance of the write up.

Joe stated that the deadline for nominations from councils is November 15. Send them to Joe.

Scholarship Report: Susie reported that the committee had selected Seara Kline to receive the scholarship this year. She was one of three nominations Seara participated in community work, church work and holds a very high grade point average.

The committee felt that the format is being followed. That is works.

Treasure Report: Susie reported that the travel fund for Nellie \$1,304.81

General fund \$6,000

CD \$7,348

Scholarship \$4,830

Councils not yet paid Hub New Mexico, Painted Sky Colorado Eastern Plains Colorado –Three Rivers Idaho

Voting Delegate: Nellie reminded everyone to please remember that the voting delegate for the business meeting needs a letter from his/her council listing them as the Official Delegate. Your Official Delegate may only vote if his/her Council has paid their Western RC&D dues.

New Business: Clyde reported that Idaho has two new coordinators coming on board in October. In February 09 they will lose the office assistant

they have and are exploring possible contracting with other councils or conservation districts.

Conference 2011: Bruce reported that Idaho will host 2011. We will look forward to going to Idaho.

National Meeting: Bob and Susie will attended the meeting. Susie is going in place of Nels and Clyde had his shoulder surgery in September. Bob reminds everyone of the National Planning conference call on Tues at 9:00.

Special permission was granted to Joe to pursue funding ideas for the scholarship and possible the development of a second.

Meeting adjourned at 6:58 pm by President Bob Perry

We will miss Nels and his wisdom. Thank You for everything you have done in the past and take the future slower!

Reported
By Nellie Zion
Secretary