

**WESTERN RC&D ASSOCIATION
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MONTHLY TELECONFERENCE MEETING
NOVEMBER 10, 2005 Call in 7:00 pm
1-866-732-9373 Pass code 669817**

- Call to Order** President Paul Calverley at 7:05 pm.
- Attendance** Paul Calverley President, Joe Leichtnam-1st Vice President, Nels, Werner 2nd Vice President, Nellie Zion-Secretary, Ted Tietjen past Neb. State President, Mike Williams, Neb. State Secretary.
- Agenda** Addition is National Board meeting and possible trainings
- Approval of Minutes** Ted T. Made the motion to accept the minutes and Nels W. seconded.
- Financial Report** Bruce gave the balances: Via email
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| Checking | 965.45 |
| CMA | 28,030.71 |
| Savings | 4,452.11 |
| CD | 32,522.08 |
- Joe L. made motion to approve Nels W. seconded
- Nominating** Secretary, 2nd Vice President, President
Need letters of nomination
- Awards** Joe L. is looking for more nominations from the states. Nellie Z. reported that Colorado is participating this year with award winners, first time the state has had this many nominees.
- National Board Meeting** National Association dues will rise from \$400 to \$450 this coming year. To help off set the cost of operating the national office and give quality lobbying efforts and programming.
They have voted to give Bobby an increase in pay as the cost of living is not equal to her salary. Joe L. was the only one to vote against the increase and Paul sustained. Bobby was offered another two year contract in June. The only entity that has sent more letters of support and interest to Congress was Social Security. Our stack of letters was over three and a half feet tall. The fight is not over we need to strive to give quality service and meet our goals in the Circle of Diamonds.

Meeting Kansas City MO

Nellie gave a report on her concerns for the main speaker needing to know who her audience was. The over all conference was well received. Nellie reported that she would like to have been given hands on programming that could be used on the ground level. There were over 90 people present at the conference.

Special Training's

Presidents, board meeting – Nellie Z. stated that Colorado does training at regular state meetings. The board had requested Colorado provide a training session at the Western Region in 2007.

Western Conference in Neb.

Paul C. and Nellie Z. did talk with Neb. regarding program planning at the meeting in Kansas City Mo. Made some minor suggestions which will be followed.

Ted T. is working on speakers mainly on the water issue.

Nellie Z. had questions on booth space prices she suggested possible lower rate for double space, or better prize money for the top booth.

Drought Committee-Paul

name change to Drought & Water Protection. Working on a memoriam of understanding

Energy Committee-Paul

Biomass is the focus money is being used on information on two cd sets to get information sent out to councils.

New Business

State visits

Who pays for Western officers to travel to and participate in activities – States or Western-Nellie will get in touch with Bob Perry and check the policy and procedures to see if a clarification needs to be inserted. Western did pay for all travel, but not registration at this time it was noted that the officers did not receive a bill either.

Motion to adjourned was made Joe L. and second by Nels W.

Motion carried

Meeting adjourned at 8:09 pm. Happy Holidays!!!

Next meeting December 14, 2005 7:00 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Nellie Zion
Secretary of Western Region