

**WESTERN RC&D ASSOCIATION
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MONTHLY TELECONFERENCE MEETING
OCTOBER 12, 2005**

**Call in 7:00 pm
1-866-732-9373 Pass code 669817**

- Call to Order** 1st Vice President Joe Leichtnam at 7:15 pm.
- Attendance** Joe Leichtnam-1st Vice President, Nels, Werner 2nd Vice President
Nellie Zion-Secretary, Bruce Kroetch, Treasure
- Agenda** Changes add meeting in Nebraska and site selection
- Approval of Minutes** Bruce K. made the motion to accept the minutes as written and
Nellie Z. seconded.
- Financial Report** Bruce gave the balances:
 Checking 2,134.05
 CMA 27,978.67
 Savings 4,452.11
 CD 32,278.01
- Nels made motion to approve Nellie seconded
- Nominating** Secretary, 2nd Vice President, President
Need letters of nomination
- Site Selection** South Dakota 2008 – We need other states to plan on hosting in 2009, 2010
- Awards** Nebraska presented several state winners, these winners nominations will
be sent on to the Western Awards Committee for consideration with other
states.
- Western Conference in Neb.** No report given
Drought Committee-Paul No report was given
- Energy Committee-Paul** There is a meeting in Missoula Montana Oct. 11-13 on Biomass and 20
scholarships are available for attendance promises to benefit all who attend.

Meeting Kansas City MO-Update – Job Forum, a few scholarships are available people they are on a first come first serve request.
Nellie Z. reported that Colorado is presenting a presentation at the Job Forum conference.
Joe L. and Nellie Z. will attend this conference.

Meeting at Neb. State Association Report given by Joe L. on Circle of Diamonds
National office gave out 3 Circle of Diamonds certificates to area councils.
Joe gave a charge to the remaining council to get their information submitted.
Nellie reported on the benefits of western region, how the current officers can help the state associations with the information they have.

New Business State visits Western Officers are invited to attend New Mexico State meeting Nov 15th at Taos and Colorado's meeting in Denver Nov 15-16.

New Presidents
South Dakota new President is Bruce Kroetch, Nebraska State Chairman is Bob Porter

Our thanks to Joe L. from South Dakota and Ted Tietjen from Nebraska, for their service as Presidents.

Bruce K. covered the Resolution of Support for Resource Conservation and Development Associations to Retain Local control over the RC&D Intent, Vision, and Mission. This information was developed by Black Hills South Dakota RC&D-trying to get all councils to view and give support nationally. A detailed report was given on the coming changes to our RC&D's that NRCS is passing down to us. Be aware of what is happening. As long as you are doing enough programs the program will continue to function.

Meeting adjourned at 8:18 pm.
Next meeting November 15, 2005

Respectfully submitted,

Nellie Zion
Secretary of Western Region