

WESTERN RC&D ASSOCIATION  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MONTHLY TELECONFERENCE MEETING  
SEPTEMBER 14, 2005

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

**Call to Order**                      President Paul Calverley at 7:15 pm.

**Attendance**                      Paul Calverley-President, Joe Leichtnam-1<sup>st</sup> Vice President, Nellie Zion-Secretary, Mike Williams-Neb, Ted Tietjen-Neb State President, Verlin Bruns-Neb Treasure, Anne Rohan, Neb. Sue White Coordinator Montana.

**Agenda**                              Changes made: Ted T. asked to be moved up on the agenda as Anne R. would not be able to stay for the entire call. Ted introduces Anne R to the board as the coordinator for the Western Conf in Neb. Legislative update is also added. Paul C. noted the change. Western Conference report in place of financial report.

**Approval of Minutes**              Joe L. made the motion to accept the minutes as written and Nellie Z. seconded.

Financial Report was tabled. Bruce was not able to join emergency family matters was the cause.

**Western Conference in Neb.**              Ted T. and Anne R. reported. Speakers are being secured. The governor's office is very interested in participating. All congressmen have been extended an invitation to attend as has Chief Bruce Knight, Sharon Ruggi-National President of RC&D and Rick Cables from the Forest Service. Question was raised on how fund raising would work using the western logo, Nellie referred to the Policy and Procedures that states all fund raising is a 50-50 split-regardless if profit or loss.

**Western Conference in Neb.**

Joe L. reminded the committee that the candidates (potential officers) need time to present at Tuesday's luncheon. Time is needed for Paul to speak as well.

**Legislative Update**                      Mike W. reported that The Secretary of Ag is having a meeting in Neb on Sept. 15, covering the New Farm Bill. Paul reported the Senate has not assigned the new language as of yet-business as usual. Joe L. reported that a letter campaign will-not be called on for in 2006-feel it is not a panic at this time.

- Draught Committee-Paul** Paul explained the duties expected, he asked for someone to volunteer to serve and Ted T. volunteered (Thanks Ted)  
Ted will attend the meeting in Kansas City Missouri in November. Paul reported that there will not be a National board meeting in Kansas city Missouri.
- Energy Committee-Paul** There is a meeting in Mazola 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, scholarships are available to help send some people they are on a first come first serve request.  
Nellie Z. reported that Colorado is presenting at this conference.  
Joe L. Nellie Z. will attend this conference.
- Awards** Joe L. called all state presidents requesting nominations for awards. He also reminded them to join in on the board calls.
- Special Meeting** Joe L. reported that “Circle of Diamonds” is VERY important for ALL councils to participate in.  
There is 8 taking points and 5 main bullets that is what USDA wants us to do. If we want o stay alive folks we must send in the information. Send a copy to the National Office. Follow all directions. Joe L. also congratulated Colorado Big Country RC&D as submitting there report so soon.  
The weeding will be the weak ones first not by age-full participation by the year end!! This is EVERY YEAR!!
- A few words from Paul:** A new data base will be developed for coordinators on how to report what we are doing on the ground level. They will be trained on its use. Paul and Joe are working on the letters for state presidents.

Nebraska congratulated Paul on taking on the office of President.

Meeting adjourned at 8:05 pm.

**Next meeting October 12,2005**

Respectfully submitted,

Nellie Zion  
Secretary of Western Region