

**Bear River Resource Conservation and Development
Executive Committee Meeting
Wednesday September 6, 2006
RC&D Youth Camp, 3:00 p.m.**

Attending:

Lloyd Rasmussen
Lynn Lemon
Suzanne Rees
Mick Atkinson
Dallan Nalder
Conrad Michaelson
Cami King
Scott Ferguson

Lyle Holmgren
Boyd Bradford
Lyla Dettmer
Gerry Bates
Nels Werner
Jon Hardman

Not in Attendance:

Thomas Weston

Welcome and Minutes

Conrad opened the meeting, welcoming all in attendance. He read through the minutes from the last meeting. Dallan motioned that the minutes be accepted as written, Mick seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Coordinators Report

Scott presented an updated draft of the constitution and by-laws. The group discussed various points and made some minor changes. Suzanne moved that the by-laws be accepted with the changes. Lloyd seconded, and the majority agreed.

Scott presented the Area Plan which will stand for next 5 years. He explained that the goals were written broadly so that various projects in the future can be allowed. The document can be amended until the time that the first completed project is reported. From that point on the language of the goal is set. Lynn moved that the plan be accepted as written, Suzanne seconded, and the group concurred. The document was signed by Conrad and Lynn, and will be sent to Sylvia Gillen, the Utah State Conservationist.

Scott updated the council on the Malad Summit Grant, with the assistance of Gerry Bates, the Idaho Community Forester. They have concluded that the need for hazardous fuels reduction in Juniper (Oneida County) was limited to possibly only two properties. Therefore, it was recommended that council consider having the money be made available for use, additionally, in any of the other 6 counties. The council agreed and Scott will write the letter for Dallan to sign. The project must be completed by August 2008.

Scott reported that the two NRCS grants that were applied for in July were not awarded. Nels suggested that perhaps the Bag of Woad grant was not awarded because it included the Idaho counties. Bill Gilson, the Utah Weed Supervisor's president had applied for a very large Grazing Lands Conservation Initiative grant that was also not awarded after a great deal of effort on his part and the cooperation of many partners.

The Idaho RC&D Association Meeting will be held in Twin Falls on October 10 and 11, 2006. Conrad offered to go.

Cloud Seeding

Lyla expressed appreciation for the support offered by many organizations for the cloud seeding efforts in the area and encouraged continued interest. It was agreed that a letter on Bear River RC&D stationery would again be sent with Mick's signature to ask for the needed donations. Her white chocolate snowflakes were enjoyed by all.

Utah RC&D Association

Nels explained his involvement in the State, Western and National RC&D organizations. He is new to Utah, but understands RC&D well.

He invited the council to the Utah Association of Conservation Districts convention in Park City, Utah on November 8th and 9th.

He also explained that the council should be especially aware of the opportunity afforded by having 2 senators on the Agriculture Appropriations sub-committee.

He explained that he anticipates at least one more year of proposed budget cuts to the RC&D programs, with the suggestion that each coordinator cover two RC&D areas. He encouraged the council to continue letting their representatives in Washington know the value of the RC&D programs.

Conrad stated that our council will be supportive of the state organization by sending a representative to the meetings.

Youth Camp

Lyle reported that the expense to have the outhouses pumped out at the youth camp has doubled in the recent past, since the previous company is no longer available. The council suggested a couple of additional providers to try (Jensen or Coates). Lyle also pointed out the upcoming need to replace picnic tables and other equipment at the youth camp and the council discussed the benefits of increasing the camp fees from \$1 to \$2 per person per night. Lynn made the motion to change the fee, Suzanne seconded, and the motion carried.

Financial Report

Cami presented the balance sheet, bank statements, and reconciliation reports. A list of each check written in the passing time period was included. Dallan moved that the report be accepted, Suzanne seconded, and the motion carried.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will encompass the annual meeting requirements and will be held at the Coppermill Restaurant on December 6th at 12:00 Noon.