

**EAST CENTRAL COLORADO RC&D
EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING 10-15-09 5:00 PM**

The meeting was called to order at 5:07 pm by President, Penny McPherson. Members present were Nancy Bogenhagen, Ted Lyons, Henry Schuler, Jim Brewer, Richard Sears. Also present were Verna Miller, Administrative Assistant and Kristi Gay, Coordinator.

Copies of the minutes of the August 17, 2009 meeting were available for everyone and after all had read them, Ted moved they be accepted as presented, Nancy seconded and the minutes were approved by all.

The treasurer's report: Copies of (Profit & Loss statement- Oct. 1, 08 to 9-30-09, listing of all checks issued 10-1-08 to 9-30-09, and the reconciliation summary) were presented to each member. After review by all and some discussion, Ted moved the report be approved for filing for future audit, seconded by Jim. All agreed.

Old Business: After reading, everyone signed the Conflict of Interest Policies to be filed in the office. (Verna will file)

Penny then announced that she had received an e-mail from Candace tendering her resignation from the RC&D board effective Oct. 1, 2009. All members having e-mail also received it. Need to recruit two people from Kit Carson County.

New Business: Ted made a motion to hire Winfrey & County to prepare our 990 IRS form for FY 2009. Rich seconded the motion and approved unanimously. There was some discussion about moving some of the checking account money to either the money market account or a CD to draw more interest, but this was tabled for now.

Kristi reported that she has been working on getting a steering committee organized for the Energy Stimulus Grant money from the Governors Energy Office. There will be a meeting with the Lincoln county commissioners tomorrow morning at 9:00 am. At that point they will see if there is enough interest in the four counties to pursue the application process. Only two counties expressed interest and even they had concerns about the sustainability after the four years. After the meeting if there is interest Kristi will set up a Tele-conference meeting of the council to get project approval.

A bill was received from Bee Hive Insurance for \$186.00 for a crime policy. After discussion as to the future need of this insurance Jim moved and Nancy seconded that the item be tabled at this time.

The 2010 budget was reviewed and was not a balanced budget. After discussion, Jim Brewer moved with Ted seconding that a new line item – Income-contributions and donations be added in the amount of \$2,755.25 to balance the budget. All approved. Council will need to work on getting more contributions.

The 2010 National RC&D dues request in the amount of \$450 was received. Ted moved and Henry seconded that we pay them \$50. Motion carried unanimously

John Knapp, Area Three Conservationist arrived at the meeting and was introduced.

Training: The RC&D Program Appraisal form was introduced and Kristi asked everyone to take it home and review it so they would be familiar with the RC&D program requirements. This will be reviewed at the next meeting along with the 2010 annual plan of work.

The next meeting date was set for either Dec. 3 or Dec. 4th depending on Ted's Lincoln County Commissioners meeting date, at 12:30 pm with a pot luck lunch.

Penny McPherson then read her letter of resignation as of Oct. 15, 2009.

Meeting adjourned at 6:10 pm Respectfully Submitted by, Verna Miller, Administrative Assistant

Following the annual meeting, an emergency Executive Council meeting was called to order at 8:10 pm by Vice President, Richard Sears. After discussion, in consideration of the resignations of Penny McPherson and Candace Payne in order to have the council function continually, Ted Lyons moved that Verna Miller be authorized to be on all bank accounts for East Central RC&D, seconded by Henry Schuler. Motion approved by all. Attending the emergency meeting was: Richard Sears, Nancy Bogenhagen, Henry Schuler, Jim Brewer, Ted Lyons, and Jerry Allen, board members and Verna Miller, Administrative Assistant was asked to join after the discussion. This meeting was adjourned at 8:15. Submitted by Verna Miller, Administrative Assistant Per authorization of Nancy Bogenhagen & Jim Brewer

East Central Colorado RC&D Annual Meeting Minutes
October 15, 2009 6:30 pm

The East Central Colorado RC&D annual meeting was held at the Hugo VFW meeting room. The meeting was opened by Penny McPherson, President with the pledge of allegiance. The invocation was given by Pastor Jerry Allen of Simla. A roast beef buffet dinner was served to the 21 in attendance by the ladies auxiliary.

After the meal, the ladies were thanked for their wonderful dinner, followed by self introduction of everyone in attendance. Penny McPherson then Thanked Verna Miller and Kristi Gay for all the work they do for the council.

Alicia Stroud, Prairie and High Plains Conservation District Clerk, gave a report on the districts partnership with RC&D. Kristi helped them write a \$25,000 matching grant that was used for planting living snow fences, solar pumps, windbreaks and numerous projects for their landowners in the districts. They also worked with the local FFA to do a Leafy Spurge survey along the river in Lincoln County funded by another grant that RC&D had received for noxious weeds. Kristi worked with them again, along with Flagler Conservation District on another \$25,000 grant for the coming year.

Kristi Gay then gave the 2009 Coordinators project report and potential 2010 projects. See 2009 annual report.

The business meeting was then called to order by President, Penny McPherson at 7:55 pm.

The minutes of the 2008 annual meeting were printed and distributed for each person along with the financial report for the year. After review, Jim Brewer moved that the minutes be approved as presented; Richard Sears seconded the motion which was approved unanimously. After all reviewed the financial report, Nancy Bogenhagen moved that the financial report be accepted for filing for future audit, seconded by Henry Schuler and approved unanimously.

There being no old business the new business was the nomination of executive council members (2 from each county). The vacancies include 1 for Elbert, 1 for Cheyenne, 2 for Kit Carson, and 1 Lincoln. Henry Schuler nominated Jerry Allen for a member for Elbert County. Richard Sears seconded the nomination. Nomination was approved unanimously. Ted Lyons nominated Ben Orrell for Lincoln County, seconded by Nancy Bogenhagen: approved unanimously. Jim Brewer then nominated the current members for another term as presented on the annual agenda; Cheyenne-Nancy Bogenhagen, Elbert-Henry Schuler, El Paso- Jim Brewer and Richard Sears, Lincoln- Ted Lyons. Ted Lyons seconded the nominations and all were approved unanimously. This leaves two vacancies in Lincoln County and one in Cheyenne county.

There being no more business, Jim moved the meeting be adjourned, seconded by Henry, all approved. Meeting adjourned at 8:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Verna Miller, Administrative Assistant