

East Central Colorado RC&D Inc.
Executive Council Minutes
September 09, 2010

The ECC RC&D Executive council meeting was called to order at 5:55 pm at the Hugo USDA Service Center Conference meeting room. Richard Sears, President called the meeting to order, followed by the pledge of allegiance. Council members in attendance were: Richard Sears, Nancy Bogenhagen, Henry Schuler, Ben Orrell, Ted Lyons, Doris King and Jerry Allen. Also in attendance were Kristi Gay Coordinator, Shayla Morgan Administrative Assistant, Jillian Ball Community Energy Coordinator and guest, Michael Gaskins.

Ben Orrell introduced Michael Gaskins to the council.

The minutes of the July 22, 2010 meeting were distributed to all and had been mailed to all members prior to the meeting. Since everyone had read the minutes, Ben moved that we dispense with reading of the minutes, seconded by Jerry.—approved unanimously. Ben moved and Jerry seconded that minutes be approved as mailed. –approved unanimously.

The Treasurer's report for ECC RC&D was handed out for review —Checking account balance for ECC RC&D \$3,390.97 and a CD in the amount of \$10,000.00 and the balance of the Money Market Account was \$5, 1468.68. ECC RC&D (CEC) checking account balance \$23,540.73

The Treasurer's report for Colorado League RC&D was handed out for review-Checking account balance \$8,849.86 and the balance of the savings account \$10,587.32. After review of the Treasurer's reports Henry moved to accept the report for filing. Jerry seconded the motion. –approved unanimously.

Old Business:

The 2010 Annual Plan of Work was reviewed. It was reported that Rich did interviews and attended Kit Carson, Lincoln and Crowley County Fairs. Ben recruited a new board member.

The annual meeting was discussed. The date was set for October 14, 2010. Nancy will find someone to cater the meal at a cost of \$10.00 to \$12.00 per plate. It will be held at the Historical Pool Hall in Kit Carson. Estimated invitations were 20-24 people. Discussion on whether to hold a brief business meeting was held but no decision was made.

RC&D week is September 19-25th. The board discussed news release, resolutions. Kristi

had magnets made and donated them for the RC&D week. Ben made the motion to have a news release advertising National RC&D week. Nancy seconded the motion –approved unanimously

The vice president vacancy was discussed as well as vacancies in Cheyenne, El Paso and Kit Carson Counties. Recruiting ideas were discussed. Officers are to be elected at the annual meeting.

Kristi reported the final step in the quality review would be taken care of September 21st.

Shayla reported she had received invoices from the Limon Leader for \$9.00 and Eastern Colorado Plainsman for \$18.00 for advertising. Rich told her to pay those invoices.

New Business

The 2011 Plan of work was discussed. Kristi explained a committee to draft the annual plan was needed. Kristi will compile the information from the area plan and bring it back to the council.

Jerry made the motion to regretfully accept Ben Orrell's resignation. Ted seconded the motion–approved unanimously

The council discussed with Michael Gaskins what RC&D does and the projects they have had in the past. After discussion Henry made the motion to accept Michael to the board of RC&D. Jerry seconded the motion. –approved unanimously

Jerry made the motion to appoint Nancy as Vice President of the RC&D board. Ted seconded the motion–approved unanimously.

Shayla reported the post office box will now cost \$76.00 per year. Rich asked for a budget for administration items so no approval would be needed each time.

Kristi gave the Coordinator report and discussed project status with the council.

Kristi reported Rich is working with Jill to price equipment and availability so they could be ready to order needed equipment when the grant is awarded.

Kristi also reported some wording and dates were changed in the grant paperwork because of the delay in the grant process. The board approved to send it in with the changes being made.

Ted discussed the Lincoln County Courthouse possibly having an energy audit. Rates for that audit were discussed. Rich asked Jill to look at the building and get an estimate of the cost.

Rich & Jill are going to research lease equipment possibilities so the audits can begin.

Ben asked what RC&D's role would be in an El Pomar grant for the Hugo Fire Dept. and asked Kristi to research what options were available for radio equipment.

Henry made the motion to support applying on the behalf of Hugo Fire Dept., Ted seconded the motion. –approved unanimously

Kristi reported she was working with Wheatland Conference Center in Flagler trying to find possible grants to stucco the building.

Kristi reported Simla had asked for grant research for a sewer project. Kristi has the contact information for them and gave to Jerry for the town.

Kristi reported the Edison School was looking for funds for flood management and the possibility of using Conservation Trust Funds for this as allowed by senate bill 98.

Jill gave an update as the Community Energy Coordinator. She reported on the fairs attended and BPI training. She has completed the BPI training and passed the written test and would get the field test results soon. She explained the equipment that was needed.

The website was discussed and how it was updated. Michael volunteered to look at the website and see what could be done.

Rich explained changes in RC&D to Michael. Rich asked the board to support Jill's public meetings with their attendance

Rich asked the board if there would be interest in ball caps with RC&D logo. Kristi reported Shayla had worked on a logo. Rich asked Shayla to order 12 caps and he would cover the cost and each board member could purchase them from him.

Ted thanked Ben for his year of service on the board.

The next meeting date was discussed. The next meeting of the ECC RC&D executive council will be the Annual Meeting scheduled for Thursday, October 14th at 6:30 pm at the Historical Pool Hall in Kit Carson

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 7:32pm.

Respectfully submitted

Doris King