

COLORADO LEAGUE OF RC&DS TELECONFERENCE

3/5/07

Attendees:

Colorado League:

Nellie Zion Colorado League President;
Gail Pitzer, League Treasurer, East Central Colorado RC&D;
Bob Frye, San Juan RC&D.
Gary Ensign, League VP, East Central Colorado RC&D
Dean Oatman, Sangre De Cristo RC&D

RC&D Coordinators:

Jim Mietz, San Luis Valley RC&D;
Richard Mullaney, NE Colorado RC&D;
Doug Ramsey, San Juan RC&D;

Others:

Alisa Stroud, East Central Colorado RC&D;
Priscilla Lukens, SJRC&D;
Randy Randall, Program Manager, NRCS;
Joe Leichtnam, WARC&DC President, Black Hills RC&D;
Jennifer Murray, Colorado Big Sky RC&D.
Dean Oatman, Sangre De Cristo RC&D

Call to Order: 4:05

Teleconference meeting minutes: January 16, 2007 minutes need to be distributed with these minutes.

Financial Report: League has more money in the bank than we anticipated.

Committee reports:

Western Conference Report: We're in better shape than we thought we'd be. Total income was \$48,434; expenses to date were \$44,132.24, leaving a balance of \$4,301.76. All claims received have been paid. There may be one bill left for \$200 for the printing of post cards. The profit will be split 50/50 between the Colorado League and WARC&DC. Line item expenditures will be completed.

Bylaws Committee: The League bylaws assign committees, i.e. bylaws, finance, budget, nominating, audit, and planning committees, and who chairs each committee. The committees are chaired by the following officers: Nominating-Secretary, Budget-Treasurer, Audit-Treasurer, Planning-Vice President, and By-Laws-President. We should ask those assigned people if their committee needs to meet and if so, schedule the meeting. Even the existing League bylaws need to be reviewed to reform the League. A letter about the annual meeting will be sent to the coordinators within the next 10 days so the committee chair people can have their work done by the annual meeting.

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Old business:

Annual Meeting: There will be no annual meeting in April since the bylaws denote it needs to be announced 60 days in advance. The facility reserved for the annual meeting needs to be notified that the meeting is rescheduled until after mid June. Colorado Springs seems to be a good meeting place. Elections will occur at that annual meeting.

Funding Issues: The 2008 NRCS/RCD national budget suggests there only be 1 coordinator position per state. Randy wants to provide financial support for each council for their area plan. A NRCS agreement for \$11,500 for each RC&D council will be distributed early this week. Money to the League may be available for training. Due to budget cuts, two existing regular NRCS clerical positions for the RC&D program will be reassigned. Each council will have to provide its own clerical positions after June. Rick Isom, on loan to NRCS from the USFS, has been diagnosed with inoperable pancreatic cancer.

Leadership Forum in Wash DC: News is good but councils need to send letters **ASAP** to national for RC&D support saying we need more than one coordinator per state and the same appropriations as was provided this year.

Other business:

Conference calls: Nellie suggests calls be made every other month rather than every month. The bylaws need to be consulted.

Dean suggests he'll help review bylaws. He requests there be council board training as was presented last year.

It was recommendation that the League provide credit cards for use by the councils.

Nellie will give NM League Wayne's feedback on the Western conference.

Next teleconference call:

The League teleconference (866 732-9373, Pass Code 669817) is May 3, 2007. 4:00.

Adjourn: 4:55.