

Colorado League of RC&D Councils
Fall Annual Meeting in Estes Park
November 20, 2008

Call to Order

League Vice President Bob Frye at 10:30am

Attendance

Council Members: Nellie Zion, Larry Payne, Northeast, Bob Frye-San Juan, Richard Harding Painted Sky, Harold Anderson San Luis Valley, Jim Brewer, East Central

Coordinators: - David Colburn Northeast, Paul Van Ryzin Painted Sky, Tim Macklin South-Central, Kristi Gay East Central, Doug Ramsey-San Juan, Steven Myers, Colorado Big Country

NRCS: J.B Martin, Program Manager

Agenda

The agenda was handed out

Minutes:

A motion to accept the minutes from last conference call. Nellie made the motion, seconded by Richard. Nellie made the motion to accept the minutes from the Annual Meeting in Mat at Alamosa. Seconded by Richard. Both motions passed

Financial Report:

The report was given by Bob and Kristi

Checking Balance as of October 2008 is \$152.37

Savings Balance as of 8/30/2008 is \$22,396.22

Kristi stated that East Central has hired Verna, a past employee, who will be handling the agreement on the mini grants that the League is providing for councils. Alisha will be doing the books for the league at this time.

Jim made the motion to accept the financial report as presented and Richard seconded. Carried

Bob stated that work is in progress on the 09 League budget. Questions were asked regarding and we will have a copy by the tele-conference call on Dec. 16, at 7:00 pm.

J.B Martian gave an update on the RC&D program and that we are in a continuing resolution until next year. He reminded members that coordinators are to provide 10% of time and work to other NRCS programs.

Web Site

Bob reported that the web site (www.corcd.org) is running again. Marcy McKeon from San Juan designed the new web page.

Discussion was had on the possibility of the league web site host the other council sites. This will be tabled until the December tele conference to give the members time to talk about it.

Strategic Plan

Will be disused at a later time when more information can be obtained. Roy Horvath plan leader was not present.

Accomplishments:

Bob gave an updated report on what has been done – new web pages, poster displays, email list, administrating of councils mini grants, new updated bylaws passed.

Future of League:

Everyone present participated in the leagues future- we have three officer positions open as the President, Secretary, and Treasure stepped down and removed themselves from the councils they were involved with. Jim requested that a written job description be given to all future officers.

League members agreed that the league is a valuable asset to the RC&D councils and the state NRCS. A proposal was present by Bob to work jointly with CACD and share services of their “Executive Director”. Bob then discussed his conversations with Eric Jessen, Allen Green and JB Martin on a possible coop relationship with CACD. Bob felt that we could not afford to have are own League staff. Nellie gave a brief history of the league and how it use to work closely with CACD.

Nellie made the motion to proceed with information gathering with the President of CACD, Eric and to get information out before the spring meeting so that members could cast a vote at that time for a working

partnership. Motion seconded by Harold Anderson.
Motion carried.

Lunch Break at 12:00 will resume at 1:30

New Business:

Election of Officers-

Motion was made by Harold Anderson for Bob to move up from Vice President to President, Nellie seconded the motion, motion passed. Bob said that Candace Payne from East Central was possible candidate for the Treasurer position. Nellie made the motion to postpone further discussion until Candace could be contacted since she was not present at the time, seconded by Harold. Carried Motion was made by Harold that Nellie be secretary, seconded by Richard. Carried. Nellie made the motion that Richard be Vice President, motion seconded by Harold. We now have a full slate of officers.

Richard made the motion that we continue with East Central administrative assistant to handle the funds for the mini grants and seconded by Harold. Carried

Western conference

Nellie gave a report on the up coming conference in Spearfish South Dakota on January 25-28 2009. It was noted that all council's present will try to send members to the conference. East Central -1, Panted Sky-1, San Juan -1, Northeast -1. Nellie stated the importance of getting in reservations now plus booking hotel rooms. Harold made the motion that the league provide funding for council members to attend the conference in the amount of \$300.00. Motion was seconded by Richard, motion carried.

San Juan will head the coordination of updating the display and assts Southeast with developing the informational packets that will be provide at Western and delivered to congress in February at the Leadership Forum.

Bob stated that we will not be submitting an award nomination to western this year.

CACD partnership

Eric Jessen, President and Darlene Jensen , Executive Director of CACD joined the league in an open discussion regarding the pros and cons of a working partnership. CACD are approximately 8,000 members strong at this time Roy provided information and the operations of RC&D and maintain the momentum we have today. The league does not have a 501c3. All of the council's have one. The league works under the umbrella of the council's 501c3.

The officers of the league will work closely with Eric and Darlene in the development of a memorandum of understanding.

CACD will have an executive meeting on January 20th. Bob will meet with Eric in Montrose in Jan. Nellie will gather information from other states that have similar memorandums of understanding. Darlene and Nellie will then have a meeting in January to develop a plan.

National Leadership

Harold made the motion that we give Nellie \$750.00 to attend the forum in February Larry Pane seconded the motion, motion carried. It was suggest that Nellie could get the registration from to the new treasure for payment and the rest would be a check before she attends to help with the expenses.

Bob thanked everyone for all there help.

Richard made the motion to adjourn, seconded by Harold, carried
Meeting adjourned at 3:45 pm.

Next meeting (tele-conference) Dec 16, at 7:00 pm see web site for details

Respectfully reported
Nellie Zion

Information was received before minutes were typed that Candace Payne from East Central Council will be the new Treasure, Welcome Candace.

The new officers are

Bob Frye-San Juan, President,
Richard Harding - Painted Sky, Vice President
Nellie Zion-Northeast, Secretary
Candace Payne –East Central, Treasurer