

DRAFT Minutes for RC&D League Conference – December 15, 2009 Started at 7:10 PM

Present via teleconference: Bob Frye (San Juan), Roy Horvath, (San Juan), Frank Kenny, Colorado Big Country, Kristi Gay (SE) Program Coordinator, Marianna Young (Acting coordinator SLV), Rich Green, Sangre De Cristo, Bill Auldt, Sangre De Cristo, JB Martin, State Office, Mike Drake, Painted Sky, Paul Van Rysen, Coordinator, Tim Macklin, Coordinator, Steve Myers, Colorado Big Country, Jim Clare, San Luis Valley

Quorum achieved.

Meeting called to order at 7:05. Bob asked for approval. Rich moved to accept minutes from 11-11-09. Second from Frank Kenney, passed unanimously.

Old Business

Western Dues – Bob read letter and thinks it refers to Councils to pay dues, not the League. Bob will re-send dues letter – initial understanding was that each Council is to pay dues, Colorado League chose not to pay. Bob asked for motion to have League pay \$200 dues if that is what is intended by letter. Rich asked if this was increase. Bob clarified that he was asking for motion to have League pay Western dues if this is intent of the letter. Frank moved to have League pay dues if verified by review of letter. Jim with San Luis Valley seconded, all voted in favor of motion.

Bob reminded everyone that Councils need to pay dues to comply with meritorious standing requirements which are a new component of compliance.

Colorado Springs training will start at 10:00 AM January 14, 2010 with National Association Training on Council Sustainability and will continue from 8:00 AM to 11:00 PM January 15 with El Pomar training on board member selection, recruitment and retention, with time for a short business meeting after the training is completed. Donna Hunter will not be training for National – JB will find out who will be the trainer for National.

We'll still have another training in April, a coordinator from Iowa. Bill Auldt asked if schedule would go out for training dates, time and agenda. Bob said this information would go out.

Quorum needed to approve expenditure of League funds to pay for motel rooms and one meal on Thursday, as well as per diem. We have approximately \$16,000 available in current funds, that excludes new funding. Bob asked for a maximum amount per Council. In past we've paid for two people from each Council. Per diem would be at government rate, \$75-100 per person. Steve asked if this would cover Council employees. Bob said Council members would have priority and funds could be spent toward staff if available but this would be up to each Council. Frank asked if mileage was included. Bob said if we did one member per Council, mileage could be included more easily. Frank motioned that budget be established for one member from each council to include motel and per diem in the amount of \$240 per Council, with mileage to be added at a later date depending on remaining budget or additional attendees. Rich seconded the

motion. All voted in favor of this motion. Bob said if more than eight wanted to attend, additional expenditures could be considered in early January above the \$240 per council.

Frank asked about attendance at the National Leadership Forum in Washington DC. He said their Council has a member (Vicki Felmlee) that has family in Washington DC that could help reduce the costs. Bob mentioned that the League would need to decide if funding should be used for attending Leadership Forum or for an additional training April. Bob said that League Officers have had first priority.

Rick Sears with East Central joined call at 7:22.

Vacant treasurer's position – Doris King, Town Clerk for City of Flagler and Secretary for East Central has volunteered to fill treasurer's position. Bob asked for motion to appoint Doris King to fill treasurer's position for League. Bill moved and Rich seconded, all voted to approve the motion to appoint Doris King as Treasurer.

New agreement with State: JB said he thought League was to provide a proposal, Bob had not heard of this other than the mini-grants. JB said existing funding request would suffice. Bob asked when he needed proposal for \$5,000. JB said that since this was determined, they could allocate funding within about a week.

JB asked if there was a count of how many Council members would be attending the Western Conference in Missoula, Montana. Steve from Big Country and Nellie from Northeast will attend Western conference in Missoula.

Randy Randle will be filling in for JB while he is gone.

Kristi asked what positions were open. Bob said vice-president and secretary positions are open.

Marianna said Tim Garcia from California will start as new coordinator for San Luis Valley on January 19.

Rich moved to adjourn at 7:31, Frank seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted by Roy Horvath, Acting Secretary.