

Northeast Nebraska RC&D Council Meeting
January 25, 2015

At 6:40 p.m. at the RC&D office in Plainview, the Board of Northeast RC&D met for the January meeting. Winter weather of snow, wind and icy conditions made for a small group, but present were Jim Rabe, Lin Brummels, Dennis Wacker, Joan Alexander and Staff, Jan Jorgensen. Excused: Alexandra McClanahan, Maurice Ketter, Gary Stapelman, Rhonda Kneifl, Bruce Kneifl, Brad Kellogg, Chris Kreycik, Judy Rasmussen, Georgia Janssen, Gary Howey, Bob Huntley. Absent: Glen Anderson, Janet Gill, Leonard Janovec, Kent Pavlik, Mike Crosley, Larry Wright Sr. President Jim Rabe called the meeting to order, with all repeating the Pledge of Allegiance.

There were no *Additions to the Agenda*. Dennis made the motion to approve the *agenda*. Lin seconded. Motion carried.

Lin made the motion to accept the *minutes* from the December meeting as mailed, Dennis seconded. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report and Bills: RC&D Financial Report for December 2016: General Fund beginning Balance \$40,915.69 with an income of \$125.69 and expenses of \$2,644.05 with an ending balance of \$38,397.33 for loss of \$2,518.36. Projects Fund had a beginning balance of \$19,631.68 with income of \$0 and expenses of \$0 and ending balance of \$19,631.68 for profit of \$. The CDs total \$19,950.28 and the Endowment is \$24,746.10. Jan received notice that added interest on the Endowment is \$857.00 if we want to take that out. **Bills to pay** are \$2,901.01. Dennis made the motion, Lin seconded to file the financial report for audit and pay the bills as presented. The motion carried.

Jan reviewed the 2016 *Budget* and shared the actual numbers from 2015 as comparison. Lin made the motion, Joan seconded to approve the Budget. Motion carried. It's been 5 years since the Financial Audit with Michael Pommer was done. Joan made the motion to *Schedule a Financial Audit*, Lin seconded. Motion carried. Jan and Dick will check into Michael Pommer and others. *Annual Reports and Dues Notices* were passed out *for Sponsor Visits*. More copies are available at the office for members to take to others they want to ask to be members. Jan read a letter from *Susan and Jerry Fields asking that we accept their resignation from this board as of January 1st*. Denny moved, Lin seconded that we accept their resignations with regrets. Motion carried. All commented that they were very good members.

Jan reported that the *Liability Insurance* may be used as a slip and fall accident in December. All were asked to be mindful.

Denny reporting on *Continued Landlord Support*. He had visited with Jim Meuret and for this year and rent will stay the same as last year at \$500.00. Jim Rabe suggested something thanking them for their support of RC&D be sent. *Expanding Number of Associate Membership* will be left on the agenda for the next meeting as more ideas are needed.

With Mike Adams death, the scheduled Humanities Nebraska entertainment for *the Pork and Cork* event, this is on hold until another speaker can be found. Jan will reschedule with the Winery when a replacement has been found.

Brandon Hintz is considering Recycling in Plainview and has requested his Trailer placement in our lot. Jan, Dennis, Joan and Mike Holton from the City of Plainview met with him January 7th at the School offices. He explained what he would like to do. Plainview City Council will talk about this. Joan will keep RC&D informed.

Vandever Foundation had asked Jan if the RC&D 501C3 could be used to close their foundation account. Their reply this week stated they will use the Creighton Community Foundation that is affiliated with Nebraska Foundation. If asked again for this service, a fee schedule will need to be determined.

Becca Jessen asked if RC&D would be interested in partnering on a *Prairie Chickens and Pasque Flowers Tour* project. She has a grant in progress for a wildlife viewing blind, which would accommodate about 30, where tour participants could sit and watch the prairie chickens. Funding for advertising is available in the NE Legacy project

fund. This tour would be in Cedar County/Wynot area in late March or early April. Dennis moved to accept this as a project, Lin seconded. Motion carried.

Since Rhonda could not be at the meeting and is interested in possible *Outlaw Trail Assistance* on writing a second book about outlaws, this was tabled until Rhonda can be present for further explanation.

Staff Comments: The Center for Rural Affairs is hosting a Farm to School Training and Networking session at Wayne, March 19, from 9-2. Gary Howey copied an email he sent out requesting support of the Corps of Discovery Welcome Center on Highway 81. They will be asking if Cedar County Tourism can give funding to the project. With tomorrow being Jan's birthday, Happy Birthday was sung.

There being no further business, President Rabe adjourned the meeting at 7:45 pm.

Joan Alexander, Secretary

Minutes Approved the _____ day of _____

Secretary _____ President _____