

WCDEA Annual Meeting  
November 16, 2010  
1:00 pm

**I. Call To Order**

-Glen Leavengood, President called the meeting to order at 1:07 pm.

**II. Introductions**

-The following people were in attendance: Anita Bartlett, Powder River CD; Glen Leavengood, S-E-R CD; Carrie Rogaczewski, Sheridan County CD; Amy Doke, Sheridan County CD; Jerry Forster, Sheridan County CD; Jean Runner, S-E-R CD; Delsa Allen, Sublette County CD; Melanie Purcell, Sublette County CD; Meghann Durbrow, Sublette County CD; Brenda Ashworth, Star Valley CD; Kristin Tilley, Shoshone CD; Debbie Hepp, Campbell County CD; Crystal Kellebrew, Campbell County CD; Michelle Cook, Campbell County CD; Kerri Sabey, Uinta County CD; Colleen Tate, Converse County CD; Michelle Huntington, Converse County CD; Dave Morneau, Popo Agie CD; Robb Sgroi, Teton CD; Brady Irvine, Platte County RD, Becky Shoemaker, Platte County RD, Emily Ewart, Meeteetse CD; Carla Thomas, Hot Springs CD; Steve Jones, Meeteetse CD; Lisa Ogden, Natrona County CD, Wendy Thulander, Meeteetse CD; Kelly Booth, Lake DeSmet CD; Nikki Lohse, Lake DeSmet CD; Sno Ann Engler, Sublette County CD, Tony Hoch, Laramie Rivers CD; Marin Curry, Laramie Rivers CD; Linda Crane, Medicine Bow CD; Todd Heward, Medicine Bow CD; Bob Peternal, Lincoln CD; Kevin Babuik, LFL, NPV, SGC Districts; Liz Harvey, Laramie Rivers CD; Erin Trevaskis, Laramie County CD; Rex Lockman, Laramie County CD; Kathy Coon, Laramie County CD; Ann Sanchez, Laramie County CD; Jim Cochran, Laramie County CD; Dale Beranek, Laramie County CD, Duane Loyd, Laramie County CD, Randy Williams, Teton CD; Ann Trosper, Powell-Clarks Fork CD; Russ Schnitcer, TNC; Justin Williams, WDA; Michelle MacDonald, WDA, Jason Fearneyhough, WDA; Cathy Rosenthal, WACD; Nephie Cole, NRCS; Xavier Montoya, NRCS;

**III. Minutes**

- a. Tony Hoch moved to accept the meeting minutes from the November 17, 2009 annual meeting. Steve Jones second. Motion carried.

**IV. Financial Report**

- a. Sno Ann Engler presented the Financial Report. She stated that we currently have \$8616.38 and 8 members have yet to pay their dues for this year. Tony Hoch moved to accept the Financial Report as presented. Carla Thomas second. Motion Carried.

## V. Reports

### a. WDA

**i. Justin Williams**-Second round of Water Quality Grant Applications are due by November 30<sup>th</sup>. There is \$133,531.50 left to be allocated. WDA will be publishing examples of water quality projects completed through the grants on the website. There will be a Supervisor Training in Greybull January 11<sup>th</sup> and 4 Webinar trainings have been scheduled. More webinars can be added on request. Please contact Justin if you have ideas.

**ii. Michelle MacDonald**-Handed out an updated copy of the State funding checklist and asked districts to turn their items in as early as possible. As well, she handed out a copy of the lab funds. She requested that you turn your reimbursements in as you go instead of all at once at the end of the fiscal year.

**iii. Jason Fearneyhough**-Wanted to thank everyone for the work they do to conserve the natural resources of Wyoming. Jason also spoke on the new NPDEA permits that are in draft.

b. **NRCS**-Xavier Montoya, State Conservationist reviewed the state's budget and discussed staff that would be retiring and positions that needed to be filled.

c. **Cathy Rosenthal & Nephi Cole**-Wanted to know if the Employees Association had any training request to possibly augment the water modules.

i. The Employees Association requested trainings such as:

1. BMP Training
2. Field Tours
3. Stream Restoration
4. Watershed Planning 101
5. Ground Water
6. ArcMap/GIS/GPS
7. Ecological Sites
8. Water Development

ii. It was asked if WACD could put out detailed descriptions of the three water modules and the possibility of a refresher course every three years.

iii. Nephi spoke on the new "SuiteWater" program that will be available soon for district use. He suggested that the employees stop by the booth to get a demonstration.

iv. Cathy spoke on the Recreational UAAs. 800 sites were completed by the conservation districts. All of the data has been turned into DEQ and they will be giving an update during the Water Quality Committee meeting.

d. **WACD**-Bobbie Frank, WACD Executive Director

**i. Tree Program**- Bobbie spoke with CSU Nursery and they are working towards resolving the issues brought forth by the districts. CSU Nursery will be at the Forestry Committee Meeting

- ii. Training-
  - 1. There are funds to help coordinate the Living Snow Fence Training.
  - 2. Wanted to know if there was any interest in the Certification Program for this spring.
  - 3. Legislative/Relations Training-anyone interested in coming to Cheyenne during the legislative session is welcome. Please speak to Bobbie if you are interested. As well, please make sure that you have a good line of communications with your legislators.
- iii. Survey to Landowners
  - 1. This survey will see what Technical assistance landowners need, what they have gotten in the past, if they have requested in the past, but not received it, and what kind of response they have gotten regarding TA. This survey will be put out through the districts, but it will be regarding NRCS TA.
- iv. Recreational UAA Project
  - 1. Wanted to thank everyone for their efforts and hard work to implement and complete this project.

**VI. Old Business**

- a. No Old Business

**VII. New Business**

- a. **Trainings**-Glen Leavengood stated that he would like to put together a Living Snow Fence Training next fall if there was interest. As well, there will be a multi-day, multi-topic training in March, the sessions will come from the training needs survey put out earlier this year. More information will be sent out after the first of the year.
- b. **Barnyards & Backyards**-Jennifer Thompson stated that they are looking for landowners to feature in the Barnyards & Backyards magazine. If you know if anyone please contact Jennifer.
- c. Glen Leavengood discussed the Living Snow Fence Program. There is \$200,000 available in funding for Living Snow Fence for FY 2011. Though the deadline for applications have passed you can send a letter of interest to John Crisp with the State Forestry.

**VIII. Adjournment**

- Seeing no further business Glen Leavengood adjourned the meeting at 3:35 pm.

Respectfully submitted: Anita Bartlett, WCDEA Secretary