

WCDEA Employee Meeting  
Winter Training  
March 29, 2011  
7:00 pm

**I. Call To Order**

-Glen Leavengood, President called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm.

**II. Introductions**

-The following people were in attendance: Kerri Sabey, Uinta County CD; Jeri Trebelcock, Popo Agie CD; Bobbie Frank, WACD; Colleen Tate, Converse County CD; Michelle Huntington, Converse County CD; Todd Heward, Medicine Bow CD; Glen Leavengood, S-E-R CD; Wendy Thulander Meeteetse CD; Sno Ann Engler, Sublette County CD; Delsa Allen, Sublette CD; Jim Cochran, Laramie County CD; Kathy Cooney, Laramie County CD; Emily Ewart, Meeteetse CD; Cathy Rosanthal, WACD; Nephi Cole, NRCS; Kelly Brown, WACD; Lisa Shaw, Niobrara CD; Brady Irvine, Platte County CD; Heidi Sturman, Niobrara CD; Martin Curry, Laramie Rivers CD; Kavid Babiuk, Goshen County (3 CDS); Steve Jones, Meeteetse CD; Dwight Bliss, Sweetwater County CD; Karen Pecheny, Sweetwater County CD; Joan McGraw, Medicine Bow CD; Ann Trospen, Powel Clarks-Fork CD; Janet Hallsted, South Big Horn CD; Carla Thomas, Hot Springs CD; Kelly Booth, Lake DeSmet CD; Lisa Ogden, Natrona County CD; Dawn Arnell, Little Snake River CD; Michelle Cook, Campbell County CD, Crystal Kellebrew, Campbell County CD; Anita Bartlett, Powder River CD

**III. Financial Report**

- a. Sno Ann Engler presented the Financial Report. She stated that we currently have \$11,774.13 in the checking account.
  - i. Income :
    1. Convention: \$3,533.88
    2. Dues: \$2,125.00
  - ii. Expenses:
    1. Awards \$406.58
    2. Sponsorships \$150.00
    3. Postage, Mailing Services \$10.88
    4. Telephone, Teleconference \$319.69
    5. NCDEA Dues \$200.00
- b. Liz Harvey moved to accept the Treasurer's Report as submitted. Ann Trospen Second. Motion Carried

**IV. Old Business**

- a. Training Survey
  - i. Anita Bartlett went over the training survey. It was asked of the association if they had further ideas for training needs. None were voiced.

## V. New Business

- a. **Project Learning Tree**-Glen Leavengood asked the Association if they would like to support Project Learning Tree this year. It is something that we have done in the past. Steve Jones moved to give \$500.00 to Project Learning Tree this year. Carla Thomas second. Motion Carried.
- b. **Tree Training**-Glen Leavengood stated that there is the possibility of having a Living Snow Fence/Wind Break Workshop the week of September 19<sup>th</sup>. This would be a two day training. The 1<sup>st</sup> day being in the class room learning about irrigation, shelter belt/wind break/living snow fence design, and soils. The 2<sup>nd</sup> day would be in the field learning to plant trees, site prep, laying weed barrier, building fence. Basically learning the whole process. This training will more than likely be held in Cheyenne/Torrington/Wheatland.
- c. **List of District Personnel and their expertise**-Anita Bartlett stated that she had received a request from Rob Sgroi, Teton CD to have the Association create a list serve of District Employees and their expertise much like the list that the Small Acreage/Cooperative Extension sends out. It was decided to send out a form requesting all district personnel to fill it out the following information: area of expertise, District, willing to speak to a group, or just answer questions. The Secretary of the Association will send out the form and keep the list updated.
- d. **Regional Meeting-Taos, NM**-Scholarships are available if anyone would like to submit one to attend the Regional meeting. Also Glen Leavengood asked if there was a significant interest in attending the Regional meeting if the Employees Association should work with WACD to charter a bus to take everyone to the meeting. It was decided to look into this.
- e. **Future Training Topics**
  - i. **Convention**-Training on developing leadership skills or Natural Resource Law
  - ii. **Speakers/Professionals**-The group would like to see more multi-day/multi-speaker trainings much like this year's Winter Training.
- f. **Other**
  - i. Bobbie Frank asked if the Employees Association would be interesting in offering one scholarship to send an employee to the NACD Annual Legislative Conference. Steve Jones moved to offer a scholarship to send one person to the NACD Annual Legislative Conference. Liz Harvey second. Motion Carried. It was asked if WACD could send a letter out to all of the CD Boards stating the importance of allowing employees to attend this meeting. Bobbie Frank stated she would have the WACD Board send a letter out in regards to this.

## VI. Adjournment

-Seeing no further business Glen Leavengood adjourned the meeting at 7:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted: Anita Bartlett, WCDEA Secretary