

**DAKOTA WEST RC&D AREA, INC.**  
**Council Meeting**  
**Elk's Lodge, Dickinson, ND**  
**October 18, 2010**

The council meeting of Dakota West RC&D Area, Inc was called to order by President Duane Urlacher on Monday October 18, 2010, at 9:30 a.m.

Dakota West RC&D Area, Inc. Council members present: Duane Urlacher, Darrel Oech, James Odermann, Dennis Reich, Calli Thorne, Chip Fischer, Frank Hatzenbuhler, Jim Mossett, Dick Knopp Jr., Stan Blickensderfer and Loren Myran. Others in attendance: LeAnn Hallen. Staff present: Jared Andrist, Dakota West RC&D Coordinator and Jennifer Ladwig, Office Manager.

Council members Don Urlacher and Shorty Hoerauf had indicated they would be absent from the meeting.

**Additions & changes to the Agenda:** Assistance Form will be added under New Business. State Association will be added under Reports.

**Reading & Approval of Minutes:** A Motion was made by Myran to approve the minutes as printed, Seconded by Knopp. All were in favor, motion Carried unanimously.

**Financial Report:** Ladwig presented the profit and loss and balance sheet for the financials. A motion was made by Knopp to file the financials for audit, seconded by Hatzenbuhler. All were in favor, Motion Carried unanimously.

**Old Business**

**LFAP Equipment Disposal:** The final bids for the LFAP equipment were received and opened on October 5, 2010 by council president, Duane Urlacher. The highest bid was submitted by William Bemman, who remitted payment to Dakota West RC&D and removed the equipment from Dakota West office.

**2010 APOW:** Final report for final fiscal year 2010 is to track projects run by the council through-out the year. A request was made by Knopp to add a staff hour total to the APOW.

**Patterson Lake Watershed:** The Executive Board requested further investigation at the August 16, 2010 meeting. Andrist gave a historical summary of events related to the Patterson Lake watershed. There needs to be interest and buy-in with the partners and local governing boards, particularly Western SCD and the Stark County Water Resources Board. The council would like to gauge Western SCD's interest before any more council time is spent on this idea.

**New Business**

**Sponsor Petition:** Southwest Water Authority, a Sponsor of Dakota West RC&D has petitioned the Council to seat James Odermann as a Dakota West RC&D Director according to Council By-Laws. A

Motion was made by Reich to seat James Odermann as a Director of Dakota West RC&D, Seconded by Hatzenbuhler. All were in favor, Motion Carried unanimously.

Dakota West RC&D Director Dr. Kris Ringwall joined the meeting at 10:00 a.m.

**Honorariums:** Extensive research was done in an effort to locate any language documented in regards to expenses paid to Council members for attendance at meetings and nothing was found. It was suggested from the full council that the Executive Board recommend a policy for Council honorariums and review Council travel policy for presentation at the next full council meeting in January.

**NRCS S&S Proposal:** President Urlacher read a letter written to RC&Ds from Mr. Sweeny. The letter is announcing that all S&S dollars are now zeroed out and requests must now be done to receive any dollars through contribution agreements. The council is going on record that they officially oppose this letter. A motion was made by Myran that the council is seriously questioning this letter and is against this action, seconded by Oech. All were in favor, Motion Carried unanimously.

**NARC&DC Inc Dues:** A request was sent from the NARC&DC to pay the 2011 dues early this year. A motion was made by Myran to pay the dues early, seconded by Blickensderfer. All were in favor, Motion Carried unanimously.

**2011 APOW:** Andrist presented the 2011 annual plan of work draft to the council. A motion to approve the APOW was made by Oech, seconded by Blickensderfer. All were in favor, Motion Carried unanimously.

**2011 Outreach Plan:** Andrist presented the council with the 2011 Outreach plan draft. A motion to approve the plan was made by Ringwall, seconded by Knopp. All were in favor, Motion Carried unanimously.

**Western Conference:** The 2011 Western Conference will be held in Lewiston, Idaho in March 13-16, 2011.

**Assistance form:** An updated Project Plan for Assistance form was presented to the council for approval. A motion to accept the updated was made by Knopp, seconded by Fischer. All were in favor, Motion Carried unanimously.

Urlacher postponed the reports portion of the agenda to start the presentation and to conclude after the presentations are done.

**Training:** Kevin Dvorak, President and CEP of the ND Community Foundation presented an overview of the Foundation and their activities in the State.

### **Reports**

Water Quality MOP Report was included in the agenda packets.

NRCS Program review was cancelled and has yet to be re-scheduled.

Energy Tech Conference was summarized by Hatzenbuhler and Myran.

SWND Soil Health-update given

State Association-update given by council members who attended

The next full Council meeting is scheduled to be held January 24, 2011.

**Adjourn:** 12:40 pm