

DAKOTA WEST RC&D AREA, INC.
Executive Board Meeting
NRCS Area III Conference Room, Dickinson, ND
February 17, 2009 - 9:30 a.m.

The Executive Board meeting of Dakota West RC&D Area, Inc was called to order by President Duane Urlacher on Monday February 17, 2009, at 9:40 a.m.

Dakota West RC&D Area, Inc. Executive Board members present: Duane Urlacher, Richard Knopp, Jr., Loren Myran, Frank Hatzenbuhler and Dennis Reich. Others in attendance: Staff present: Jared Andrist, RC&D Coordinator, and Jennifer Bemman, Office Administrator.

Additions/revisions to the Agenda: Changed under V – Old Business- 2009 Budget to Budget Amendment.

Reading and approval of Dec. 10 minutes: The Minutes of the December 10 Executive Board meeting had been distributed to members. A motion was made by Knopp, seconded by Myran approve them as presented. All were in favor; motion passed.

Financial Reports: Bemman presented council financial statements for review. It was discussed to contact the SW Anglers about the money in the account to suggest it be used on any projects they might want to implement. A motion was made by Myran to file the financial statements for audit and was seconded by Reich. All were in favor, motion passed.

Old Business

SWND Soil Health Demonstration: The interviews will be held on Monday, February 23, 2009. There are three candidates for the position. SARE grant proposal is pending and will be determined in March.

NRCS Support & Stimulation: The 2008 balance will expire as of March 2009. The group talked about the National Conference in Albuquerque, New Mexico in June of 2009 and potentially sending Bemman. Discussion focused on an extension for the money. A motion for the extension was made by Reich and seconded by Myran. A motion was made by Hatzenbuhler and seconded by Reich to direct the President to suggest June 30, 2009 as the extension date based on reasons discussed in meeting.

Partners Internship Program: Andrist discussed how Dakota RC&D was approved for a grant to hire an intern to work in the summer for the council for approximately 400 hours. The intern would develop marketing and outreach plan for the Southwest ND Soil Health Demonstration Project. The position description was reviewed and a motion was made by Knopp and seconded by Myran to approve as presented. All were in favor, motion passed.
A group of 4-5 people will do the interviewing for the position to make a recommendation. A motion was made by Knopp to direct the President to appoint a committee to interview applicants for the summer intern program position and was seconded by Reich. All were in favor, motion carried. The President appointed a committee of the following people: Urlacher, Reich, Decker, and Bemman.

Budget Amendment: It was moved by Myran to amend the 2009 Budget, as presented, to include the SOL and CIG amounts and was seconded by Reich. All were in favor, motion passed.

New Business

Invasive Species: A proposal from the Bowman/Slope SCD for a Canada thistle control project. The report has been submitted and is pending committee review.

SWNDWQE Project- This ends on June 30, 2009. The funds need to be expended. Mary Stevens will be working on this project.

Other Business

WQMOP: (Water Quality Mentoring Outreach Program) This program will fund educational workshops, equipment and demonstration equipment. The committee will be meeting on March 3, 2009 to determine policies and procedures for the project. The project has been recommended for funding in the amount of \$575,000.

Adjourn – There being no further business, meeting was adjourned at 11:35 p.m.

Upcoming Meetings and Events

February 25, 2009	State Association Conference, Seven Seas Inn, Mandan, ND
March 3, 2009	SWNDWQE Project AdHoc Meeting
March 16, 2009	Dakota West RC&D Executive Board Meeting (Tentatively planned)
March 24, 2009	319 Watershed Coordinators Meeting
April 20, 2009	Dakota West RC&D Council Meeting, Dickinson