

2010 IRCDA ANNUAL FALL BUSINESS MEETING
Tuesday October 5, 2010
Ashley Inn, Cascade, ID

IRCDA President Ken Roberts called the meeting to order at 7:36 am.

President's Report: Ken introduced the three (3) new RC&D Coordinators, Pam Herdrich, Michelle Pak and Brett Ingles and welcomed them to the Idaho Association meeting.

Ken thanked West Central Highlands for hosting the meeting.

Ken reported that CEDA was doing an excellent job for Idaho in planning for the 2011 Western RC&D Conference. He asked each Council to have four people, if possible, to assist with various aspects of the Conference. These aspects can range from moderating, helping with speaker handouts, monitoring and attending the auction areas while items are being displayed and just being available for various tasks as they arise.

Secretary's Report: Minutes of the Annual Spring Business Meeting were presented by Secretary Sharon Pratt. *Clyde Hanson moved to approve the minutes as presented, Rusty Parker seconded the motion. The motion carried.*

Treasure's Report: The Treasure's report was presented by Secretary Sharon Pratt in the absence of Treasurer Dave Radford. Copies of the IRCDA Income and Expense report for the 2010 Annual Spring Meeting and the Treasure's report dated October 5, 2010 were provided for all to review.

- Beginning Checkbook Balance 3/16/10 --- \$3,050.48
- **Income:**
 - 2010 RC&D Council dues--\$1,800.00
 - Registration Fee for Spring Meeting--\$1,350.00
 - Interest, March-August -- \$1.24
 - **Total income reported---\$3,151.24**
- **Expenses:**
 - Hilton Garden Inn (Ken Roberts lodging- Spring meeting)--- \$206.58
 - Ken Roberts ---travel to Spring meeting---\$97.32
 - Everson's Jewelry (Plaque for Coordinators Steve Smart and Julie Thomas)--- \$84.00
 - Southwest Idaho RC&D (Reimbursement for Spring meeting expenses)--\$654.05
 - **Total Expenses Reported--- \$1,041.95**
- **Summary:**
 - October 5, 2010: Total Income \$ 3,151.24
 - October 5, 2010: Total Expenses \$1,041.95
 - **October 5, 2010 Checkbook Balance \$5,159.77**

Paul Calverly moved to approve the Treasure's report as presented, Clyde Hanson seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Old Business/New Business: There was discussion on appointment of a nominating committee to contact each Council to check on members interested in the two positions that will be up for election at the 2011 Annual Spring meeting to be held in conjunction with Western RC&D Conference in Lewiston, March 13-16, 2011. Positions rotate on a bi-annual basis and Vice President and Treasurer are the two positions for which nominations will be sought. Current Vice President Dave Johnson, Panhandle RC&D, will chair the committee. Ken will consult with Dave J on his interest in continuing as VP. Dave Radford, High Country RC&D, has indicated that he would prefer someone else become Treasurer. Rusty Parker, Wood River RC&D, indicated he would accept a nomination to the Treasurer position.

ACTION ITEM: Follow up with Ken on appointees to nominations committee and Rusty's nomination.

Nominations for Coordinator and Council of the Year need to be completed by January for decision at the 2011 Spring Annual meeting. Rules are on the Western RC&D website. Whoever nominates a Coordinator or Council will be responsible for the required accompanying write up. SWIRCD Coordinator Bill Moore will assist by reviewing the write up.

Nominations are also requested for thank you awards for partnering agencies to possibly be awarded at Western. Polly has submitted one name and has another. IRCDA would like each Council to provide a nomination.

ACTION ITEM: Sharon to email each Council with a request for nominations.

It was decided at the 2010 Annual Spring meeting to set up an IRCDA Facebook page. Due to many conflicts, this has not been done. Bill Moore will send information to Rusty Parker and Rusty will work on getting it set up and also administer the Facebook site.

ACTION ITEM: Bill Moore to get information to Rusty for establishing a Facebook page.

At the 2010 Annual Spring meeting membership in the Idaho Nonprofit Center was approved. A motion was made by Rusty Parker, seconded by Paul Calverly, to reimburse WCHRCD \$100.00 for the fee. The motion carried. There were questions regarding who is authorized to sign checks for IRCDA. It appears that Dave Radford, Ken Roberts and Dave Johnson all have signing authority.

ACTION ITEM: Ken will contact WCHRCD or Wells Fargo to verify.

ACTION ITEM: Sharon send invoice to Tammy at High Country RCD for payment.

Discussion regarding the 2011 Annual Spring and Fall Meetings resulted in confirmation of the Spring meeting at Western and the host Council for the Fall meeting will be Wood River RC&D. Notes from the 2010 Annual Fall meeting will be forwarded to Polly Huggins, Coordinator for the Wood River Council to assist them in planning.

ACTION ITEM: Sharon send email to all Councils for registration to the Spring meeting in Lewiston. There is no registration fee for the Idaho meeting for those attending Western.

New Business:

Monday/Tuesday meeting days were discussed. Most if not all County Commissioners meet on Mondays. By having on M/T, is IRCDA limiting attendance by this sector? Weekends are important to attendees and they would prefer to not travel then. Dave Ascuena moved to recommend changing the days from Monday/Tuesday to Thursday/Friday with a final vote at the 2011 Annual Spring meeting scheduled in conjunction with Western in March 2011. Clyde Hanson seconded the motion. Discussion centered around as much advance notice as possible for planning the Fall meeting due to conference location and logistics.

The motion carried.

ACTION ITEM: Add to agenda for the Spring meeting.

ACTION ITEM: Send reminder notice to all Councils to discuss and vote on recommendation.

A suggestion to update the IRCDA bylaws and create a policy manual that reflects the changing Council environment, checks and balances and financial policies (who signs checks, Form 990 filing, IRS 501 c 3 status), IRCDA mailing address and permanent file location-Clearwater RC&D as well as standing agenda items on the agenda for Spring and Fall meetings as a way to keep current was put forth. Items suggested were signatories for finances, mailing address for Form 990, changes to meeting days, next meeting date and sponsor, etc.

Ken asked for Success/Failure stories. Polly talked about receiving a Rural Development grant to hire a grant writer to write value added grants in the Magic Valley. The landowner involved pays 25% or the grant writers fee, the RC&D Council pays 75%. Results for the area have been remarkable. Brian Book with RD is the contact for more information. Pam discussed an RC&D Council in Wisconsin that took on a project to keep owners on small farms and profitable, the partners involved and results. They now host an annual value added conference in the Midwest. Bill Moore discussed Free Fishing Day sponsored by Southwest Idaho RC&D. Sponsors from around the country and Fish and Game provide fishing rods and money to pay for lunches for all participants. A fly fishing school and casting contest for youth are spin off activities.

Business meeting was concluded at 9:00 am.

Respectfully submitted,
Sharon Church-Pratt
IRCDA Secretary