

San Juan RC&D Council Board Meeting

April 17, 2008 ❖ 9:00 – 12:00

MINUTES

Call to Order 9:02 am

Attendees: Bob Frye, Roy Horvath, Cindy Dvergsten, Lyle Deremo, John Weiss, Doug Ramsey, Marcy McKeon, Russ Elliot and Mike Kirshner from Brainstorm Internet, and Jimbo Buickerood from Montezuma Climate Action Network

Approval of Minutes from Previous Meetings: February 20, 2008. Bob moved, Cindy 2nd, all approved.

Treasurer's Report

◇ Travel vouchers: Bob Frye 130 miles (4/1/08) = \$73.42 & ½ day + 130 miles = \$82.35, Roy ½ day = \$24.50, Lyle ½ day + 160 miles = \$102.10, John ½ day = \$24.50, Cindy ½ day + 100 miles = \$73.00. Roy moved, Bob 2nd, all approved

◇ Review of Balance Sheet Detail February and March 2008

Checks #2875-2898, ACHs dated 2/7/08, 2/29/08, 3/14/08, 3/28/08. reviewed and filed for audit. Bob moved, John 2nd.

◇ IRS 990 – completed by Taylor Roth CPA and Marcy mailed for filing 3/18/08.

Council Business

→ Office Manager's authority to sign documents. Draft list of documents; approve at next meeting.

→ Bank Account signatures – Dave's signature still needed.

→ Auto Insurance Policy renewal. Wait to pay until Marcy finds out if we can cancel policy while not using the Jeep. Doug charged up battery and Jeep is running.

→ 2009 Federal Budget not good. Updates from national office forwarded via email. Keep on Salazar.

New budget around Oct, but probably not until there is new president. Doug's job not in jeopardy.

→ Colorado League Update – Bob: nothing happened with website yet, Roy needs for the strategic planning group. Purpose of website = info, links to other pages and resources. League has money to pay someone to make site (Roy might have a student who could do it). Does council want to take on the league website or use NRCS (Bob will contact Randy)? RC&D could charge a fee for each council (8) to have website linked to main league website, they are responsible for own link updates. Grant thru NRCS/CLGP for set up?

→ Colorado League Meeting, May 8-9 – Alamosa. League paying for 1 hotel room for each council, dinner, transportation. Please attend if you can.

→ NRCS / Colorado League Grant Program – draft, May 1st deadline. Apply for funding for new GIS computer and council use, League website, new GPS unit.

→ Brochure – lots handed out and interest. Grant writing assistance needs to be developed.

→ Web Page – Cindy; hosted with Brainstorm, needs to update website, will be able to put in a few hours a months, Content to be added: photos, minutes, council members & contact info.

→ Employee Performance Review – Roy posted FLC Performance Mgt Plan on officezilla site, but cannot be viewed. Roy will look at it.

→ Electronic File storage and access – Lyle and John still need to access.

Project Reports

11:00 ▶ Russ Elliot & Mike Kirshner, Brainstorm Internet – Russ is State Innovation Council West Slope rep. and Chair of the Club 20 Technology Committee, trying to reach out to more rural regions, has tried to get USDA grants to bring conductivity to deep rural un-served areas, but does not qualify.

11:55 ▶ Montezuma Climate Action Network (Jimbo Buickerood) – wants to use our umbrella, need funding to move forward with projects, Green Teams – recycling, renewable energy, farm to school food program. GEO networking. Cindy suggests processing plant. Planning session May 2nd. Small scale 6-10 cks/month.

▶ Dove Creek Sunflower Tour – tentative August 5th symposium and field tour; sponsored by RC&D, CD, and Dolores County Extension Service. Bob suggests bringing in Governor's Office of RE, Cindy suggests having local food; she has lamb.

▶ PRWG Report – partnering with Mountain Studies Institute for Mercury sampling, funding from SUIT for sampling student, regular water sampling

▶ Animas Watershed Partnership – 1st meeting in Aztec a couple weeks ago. EcoSphere Environmental Service is leading.

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- ▶ WaterWise Grant Approved - \$11,266 funding for the next 2 years.
- ▶ La Boca Center for Sustainability – shearing clinic this Sat. 4/19.

▶ Closed Projects

USGS Remediation of Abandoned Mine Lands – Marcy closed got match reduced to 0.
Montezuma 4H/FFA Stakeholders Pen Project - \$5,500 raised by RC&D through grants, bidding opening Monday
Ag Expo 2008 –
Upper San Juan Water Quality Forum – 100 people at FLC great turn-out, make an annual event.
WaterWise 2006-2007 – closed so new program can begin.
Compost Bin Project – RC&Ds all sold, SJBRA bought \$8000 worth. RC&D will still get admin fee.

▶ New Projects

WaterWise 2008-2009
Montezuma Climate Action Network
GPS/GIS Irrigation Mapping Project 2008 – BoR grant request for \$17,000 increased from \$15,000 because cost of gas and wage increased from \$10.50 to \$12/hr. Lucas Phipps GPS candidate – Bob moves to hire, John 2nd, all approved.
Sunflower Tour

Roy moves to approve all closed and new projects except MCAN, Cindy 2nd, all approved.

Bob moves approve MCAN project, Roy 2nd, all approve.

RC&D Coordinator's Report – see coordinator report

Other Business – members need to remind us of old business to be put on new agenda.

Next Board Meeting: June 19, 2008, 9:00-12:00 at SJRC&D Office

Adjourn 12:18 pm

SJRCD Board Meeting Minutes (4/17/08)