



Colorado Chapter Soil and Water Conservation Society

Executive Council Teleconference Minutes
January 24, 2008

Member of the Executive Council and Committee Chairpersons Present:

Jorge Delgado – President	Tony Arnhold- Past President
Ardell Halvorson –President Elect	John Scott – West Slope Director
Beth Fortman – East Slope Director	Dawn Jackson – Director At Large
Reneé Koch – Secretary/Treasurer	Amy Sidener – Newsletter Editor
Sammie Molinaro – Science Fair Chair	

Member of the Executive Council and Committee Chairpersons Absent:

Kristi Gay – Webmaster & Membership Chair

Colorado Chapter Members and other guests present:

Mary Miller - Northern Plains Regional Director
Barbara Golke

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 9:10 AM by President Jorge Delgado. Ardell Halvorson moved to suspend reading of the September minutes. The motion was seconded by John Scott. The motion was approved. The treasurer's report was given by Barbara Golke the past Secretary/Treasurer. After the treasurer's report was given there was general discussion about the TIAA CREF fund. Barbara also discussed the cost summary of the Biofuels meeting and stated that there are no outstanding bills from that meeting. A motion was made to approve the treasurer's report. Beth Fortman seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Old Business

The Biofuels workshop was again discussed and decided that Barbara Golke would pay the bill owed to CACD totaling \$1491.72 as she is still the signature authority on the checking account. Also discussed was the possibility of sponsoring a study session for individuals wanting to take the Certified Crop Advisor test. It was decided that Dawn Jackson would check with potential study session facilitators and report back to the board.

New Business

The board then discussed the House of Delegates at the SWCS conference in Arizona and asked for issues to be given to Ardell Halvorson before the end of March as then need to be voted on prior to submitting. No issues were brought forth.

The next topic discussed by the board was the investment account signatories. Barbara Golke notified the board that the account signatories need to be reviewed annually and that there had usually been three people given the authority. After lengthy discussion Ardell Halvorson moved to create a Financial Committee to be chaired by Barbara Golke, and have her and the current Secretary/Treasurer Reneé Koch authorized to sign financial documents on behalf of the Chapter. The motion was seconded by Tony Arnhold. The motion passed. John Scott moved to



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take Rich and Mary off as signature authorities. Motion was seconded by Ardell Halvorson. The motion passed.

Next the board discussed the IRS filing notice that the Chapter received. It was decided that the Secretary Treasurer will complete and submit the form.

The board then discussed in length who all was going to attend the Northern Plains Leadership Meeting scheduled on March 6-8, 08 in Rapid City, SD. Prospective attendees are: Jorge Delgado, Ardell Halvorson, Mary Miller, Tony Arnhold, Beth Fortman, Kristi Gay, Dave Miller, John Knapp and Lorenz Sutherland. Time and expense for NRCS employees attending the meeting has been granted by the NRCS State Conservationist Allen Green after being requested by Mary Miller. John Scott move that the Colorado Chapter sponsor the Northern Plains Leadership meeting in the amount of \$150 and also sponsor travel expense to the meeting for Craig Cox, SWCS Executive Director in the amount of \$150. The motion was seconded by Tony Arnhold. The motion passed.

The board then asked for any ideas for summer tours. Interest was expressed in trying to find a location on the west slope. Discussion will be resumed at the next meeting.

Next was discussion about potential articles for the next Chapter newsletter. Topics mentioned that would be of interest to include were the biofuels workshop, new board member biographies, the annual meeting, science fairs, membership, the website, the Great Plains Soil Fertility Conference, and any other upcoming events. Everyone was advised to get their articles to Amy Sidener by February 5th.

Committee Reports

Science Fair – Chairperson Sammie Molinaro reported that he has the certificates, ribbons, and seals for the upcoming science fairs. Sammie also mentioned that he was having trouble getting judges for some of the science fairs. Tony Arnhold recommended that he contact Kristi Gay the Membership Chair to find members from those areas who might be willing to help judge.

Awards- Chairperson Beth Fortman stated that she had nothing to report but that she was working with Tony Arnhold on the applications for awards due to Ankeny. Mary Miller suggested putting applications in for all the awards available.

Newsletter - Chairperson Amy Sidener reported that she had no other comments beyond what had been previously discussed about the newsletter.

Membership - No report given.

Webmaster – No report given.



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Other Business

Mary Miller, Northern Plains Representative gave the board information about the Northern Plains Technical Conference scheduled on February 18-20, 2009. Mary encouraged all interested members to attend the meeting and to serve on committees if they were able.

Next Meeting

The next meeting was scheduled for a teleconference on February 21, 2008 at 9:00AM.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 AM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Reneé Koch
Secretary/Treasurer

Minutes approved on February 21, 2008.