



# Colorado Chapter Soil and Water Conservation Society

Executive Council Teleconference Minutes  
February 21, 2008

*Members of the Executive Council and Committee Chairpersons Present:*

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| Jorge Delgado – President                 | John Scott – West Slope Director |
| Ardell Halvorson – President Elect        | Dawn Jackson – Director At Large |
| Beth Fortman – East Slope Director        | Reneé Koch – Secretary Treasurer |
| Kristi Gay – Webmaster & Membership Chair |                                  |

*Members of the Executive Council and Committee Chairpersons Absent:*

Tony Arnhold – Past President  
Amy Sidener – Newsletter Editor  
Sammie Molinaro – Science Fair Chair  
Barb Gohlke – Financial Committee Chair

*Colorado Chapter Members and other guests present:*

None

## **Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 9:05 AM by President Jorge Delgado. Ardell Halvorson moved to accept the January minutes as written. The motion was seconded by Beth Fortman. The motion was approved. The Financial Statement provided by Barb Gohlke was then discussed and questions were brought up about possible errors or typos in the checking account figures. Beth moved to make corrections to the Financial Statement if accurate after checking with Barb, John Scott seconded the motion. The motion passed. Reneé Koch agreed to check with Barb about the checking account balance and out of order checks.

## **Old Business**

The first item of old business reviewed was the status of the investment, savings, and checking accounts. Ardell questioned whether to move the TIAA CREF funds to an easier access fund and stated that the mutual funds were fine. Reneé agreed to talk to Barb about the TIAA CREF and mention possibly moving the account. The Board then talked about the resolutions provided by Barb for the Vanguard and Legg Mason funds. The board then requested Reneé check with Barb about getting resolutions for the checking and savings accounts also. There was no report for the IRS filing requirements for this meeting.

The next item of old business discussed was the newsletter. Jorge led a general discussion and encouraged articles from NRCS be put in the newsletter about NRCS projects and programs.

The last item of old business was the Chapter Report and Award Nominations. Jorge informed the group that Tony Arnhold submitted the report and did a very good job with it. Jorge then asked if anyone would like a copy of the report. Jorge stated that he would email a copy of the report out.

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## **New Business**

The first item of new business was the CCA Study Session Action Plan. Dawn Jackson reported that she had checked with Jim Sharkoff and Dick Sparks about how the past sessions had worked and found that all the past instructors were willing to help put on a study session. Dawn also stated that there is good interest and support for the sessions by NRCS at the state level. More discussion was held about who to get for instructors, when to have the sessions, what materials are available to use, who would utilize the sessions and whether CEUs would be available. Dawn agreed to continue to develop an action plan and report back at the next meeting.

The next item discussed was brought forward by John Scott. John stated that we should review the Strategic Plan and add in items for the activities the Board conducts. Jorge then requested John to email a copy of the old Strategic Plan to everyone. That prompted discussion about when and where to have the next face-to-face meeting. It was decided to hold that meeting on Monday April 21, 2008 at 1:00pm in the NRCS State Office in Lakewood, CO.

The Northern Plains Leadership Meeting on March 6-8, 2008 was then discussed. Members to attend the meeting are Ardell Halvorsen, Jorge Delgado, Tony Arnhold, Mary Miller, Beth Fortman and Kristi Gay.

The last item of new business at this time was the House of Delegates. Jorge asked for any issues to present to the House of Delegates at the National SWCS Conference in Tucson, Arizona this July. No one had any issues to present.

## **Committee Reports**

*Membership Committee* – Chairperson Kristi Gay reported that the chapter has 4 new members since November but that total membership is down to 105 from 140.

*Webmaster* – Kristi requested copies of the approved minutes to be able to put them on the website.

*Science Fair* – Chairperson Sammie Molinaro emailed a report to Jorge that stated 2 science fairs were completed at this time. Sammie also wanted to thank Kristi, Reneé and Dawn for helping recruit judges.

*Awards*- Chairperson Beth Fortman had no report.

*Newsletter* – No report given.



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## **Other Business**

The board missed discussing the Summer Tour under new business so it was brought up after the committee reports. John volunteered to look into some possible tour locations for the 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> week in August.

## **Next Meeting**

The next meeting was scheduled for a teleconference on March 20, 2008 at 9:00AM.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:00 AM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Reneé Koch  
Secretary Treasurer

Approved 3/20/2008