



# Colorado Chapter Soil and Water Conservation Society

Executive Council Teleconference Minutes  
March 20, 2008

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

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
Tony Arnhold – Past President	

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

Amy Sidener – Newsletter Editor  
Sammie Molinaro – Science Fair Chair  
Kristi Gay – Webmaster & Membership 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. Beth Fortman requested to have some additional items about scholarships and the website added to the agenda under New Business. Dawn Jackson moved to add the items. John Scott seconded the motion, the motion was then passed. The minutes from the February meeting were discussed and John noted a typographical error. Dawn moved to approve the minutes with the error corrected. The motion was seconded by John, the motion was then approved. John then moved to accept the Financial Report. The motion was seconded by Beth and then passed.

## **Old Business**

The first item of old business reviewed was the status of the investment, savings, and checking accounts. Reneé Koch reported that Barb Gohlke had provided resolutions for the investment funds and TIAA-CREF to change the signatories. The forms will be mailed out for Reneé, Dawn and Jorge to sign. The board then had a discussion about the checking and savings accounts. The accounts are currently with US Bank in Colorado Springs. Questions were brought up about the nearest location for Reneé to access. The nearest US Bank locations to Reneé are in Greeley and Denver. The Chapter then discussed reimbursing Reneé for mileage since the nearest locations were several miles from her. Reneé then asked about the possibility of choosing another bank to house the accounts with. The group was open to the idea as long as the new bank would have locations that both Reneé and Barb would have access to. Tony Arnhold made a motion to look into a new bank to place the checking and savings accounts. John seconded the motion and it passed. Reneé was asked to look into bank options for the next meeting. There was no report for the IRS filing requirements for this meeting, Reneé will work with Barb to complete the filing.



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The next item of old business discussed was the CCA Study Session. Dawn reported that she had started an action plan and would send it out to everyone and there will be discussion about the session at the next meeting in April.

The Summer Tour was then discussed. Jorge asked for suggestions about where to have the tour, possibly sites were Gunnison and Kremmling. Tony asked if the Chapter had considered making it a joint tour with another group such as the Society for Range Management (SRM). John suggested some topics of local interest such as Sage Grouse habitat improvement, river work, WRP and post flooding. John stated that he will work on putting together ideas and locations for the tour.

The last item of old business was the Northern Plains Leadership Meeting held March 6-8, in Rapid City, SD. Beth gave a report about the speakers and topics at the meeting and informed the group that next year instead of the Leadership meeting there will be a Northern Plains Technical Meeting to be held February 18-20, 2009 in Rapid City, SD titled "Conservation, Sustaining Our Future". Topics to be presented at that meeting will deal with bio-fuels and that CEUs will be available. Ardell Halvorsen and Jorge concurred with Beth that the meeting was very good and Jorge encourage members to volunteer to help with the technical meeting.

## **New Business**

The first item of new business was 2008 Colorado SWCS Workshop. Jorge informed the group that Ardell would be in charge of the workshop and asked for topic suggestions. Tony suggested working with the Conservation Districts and gave topic ideas of water quality on gas wells and coal bed methane. John mentioned endangered species wildlife impacts related to oil and gas development. Ardell stated that he would welcome any emails about possible topics. For the benefit of the newer officers, John noted that historically the President Elect puts together the annual meeting in conjunction with another group such as Colorado Association of Conservation Districts (CACD) or SRM.

The next item discussed was the Annual and Long-term Plans. John emailed out a copy to start with and be able to add items to it to make changes. Jorge stated he would email out what he had and told the group to email any comments to John for the next meeting when we meet in person.

Next topic under New Business was the scholarships. Beth asked how they were used, if any have been given out and what are the application requirements. No answers were available. Beth volunteered to check with Mary Miller about the scholarships.

The last item of new business at this time was the website. Beth stated that the latest minutes on the website were from 2007. Reneé reported that she had provided the approved minutes to Webmaster Kristi Gay.

## **Committee Reports**

*Membership Committee* – No report.



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*Webmaster* – No report.

*Science Fair* - No report.

*Awards*- Chairperson Beth Fortman had no report.

*Newsletter* – No report.

## **Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be at 1:00 on April 21, 2008 in Lakewood, CO. The meeting will be held at the Colorado Natural Resources Conservation Service State Office building at 655 Parfet Street.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:10 AM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Reneé Koch  
Secretary Treasurer

Minutes approved on April 21, 2008.