**Notes for June 19 2013 meeting**

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**President's Report:**

Michelle emailed two SWCS NCC members -David McGranahan of ERS (member since 2011), lapsed membership and Sheryl Kunickis of ARS (member since 1999), who's membership expires this week - to encourage them to re-up. If anyone of you know them and want to reach out to them, please do.

**Treasurer's Report:**

See Larry's Treasurer's report attached via email.

**Summer Event update:**

Chris learned that the USDA Cafeteria is not available at lunchtime on Monday, July 22nd when Dr. John Havlin, NCSU soil scientist said he can come to give his CAST paper talk. We've emailed him to find out if he can do Tuesday the 23rd instead.

If not, Chris thinks there are several other good locations in the South Ag building though they will not allow food in (catered or brown bag). Chris will look into the World Ag Outlook Board Room on the 5th floor as it fits 40 and is very nice with large plasma tvs and good A/V equipment for Monday July 22nd from 1:30 to 3 pm.

Once we nail down the date, Chris will make sure all the appropriate listservs at USDA (USDA Economists Group, Environmental Markets, ERS, NRCS, PCPO / OEM, etc.) get notified and are asked to disseminate the announcement.

Chris thinks we're likely to get more folks with food but it's not a make or break deal since the topic is big and interesting. He thinks we can get at least 20 in the room and if we pushed hard, we could bring it up even more.

Note that this is the same week as the SWCS Annual Conference in Reno. Michelle learned from Cammie Callen of HQ that 13 conference registrants listed DC addresses (several were NRCS employees and retirees, some DC-based national conservation NGOs, etc). Neither Chris nor Michelle think that the Reno event will dampen turn out to Havlin's talk too much.

**Fall Event update:**

On the Blue Plains WWTP tour front, Chris said he may  have a few more people interested in attending from USDA. This brings the potential count to 12