

New Mexico Chapter of the Soil and Water Conservation Society
Executive Board/Committee Chair Meeting
Teleconference

March 2, 2010 FINAL

President Robert Abercrombie called the **meeting to order at 9:00 AM**. Present for teleconference were: Robert Abercrombie (Pres.), Mary Podoll (Past Pres.), Jean Foster (Newsletter Chair), Relissa Nials (Sec.), Wayne Robbie (Pres. Elect), and Matt Wiseman (Reg. 5 Rep.). Executive board members absent were Carol Moritz (Treas.), Sue Hansen-Putze (Reg. 1 Rep.), Mick O'Neill (Reg. 2 Rep.), and Juan Gauna (Reg. 4 Rep.). Robert welcomed all in attendance.

Approval of Agenda - The agenda was set to include Approval of Minutes (1/19/2010), Treasurer Report, Report on Organic Forum, John Werner Scholarship, Plan of Work, Envirothon Up-date, Region 3 Rep, News Letter, Next Meeting, and to Adjourn. Relissa asked that the topic of Webmaster be added to the agenda. Matt moved to approve the agenda with the addition. Wayne seconded the motion. All concurred with this agenda.

Minutes - The minutes of the 1/19/10 meeting had been e-mailed by Relissa. Wayne moved to approve the minutes as e-mailed with the correction to add the location of the meeting. Matt seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Webmaster – Relissa stated that Leslie Kryder had expressed interest in working as the webmaster, but she wanted to know how much time was required. Paul Vainio has the access codes for the website. Robert will contact Paul to get the codes and then the webmaster position will be discussed with Leslie to see if she is still interested.

Treasurer's report – Carol was not available to give a report. Relissa read an e-mail from Carol that the signature card is now updated so that Robert (Pres.), Carol (Treas.), and Relissa (Sec.) can sign. She thanked Linda for helping to make the changes on the CDs since the signature cards were not completed at the time that the CDs were going to be rolled. The 5 CDs are now laddered so that one will come due each year at an interest rate of 2.9 %.

Report on Organic Forum – Relissa stated that the Organic Forum was a big success. Robert stated that 68 people had attended the Forum and many more had eaten at the meal since it was during the Southwest Beef Symposium.

John Werner Scholarship –Robert stated that it's time to start thinking about the John Werner Scholarship. This year the scholarship will be given to a student from Eastern New Mexico University (ENMU). Robert appointed Trevis Olson as chair of the committee. Matt Wiseman is the Reg. 5 Rep. and will assist Trevis. Relissa is also in this Region and will assist as needed.

Plan of Work – Wayne Robbie had requested that the group begin discussing the Plan of Work for 2010. Mary, Robert, and Wayne will work on this to include items not completed last year and any new items that could be planned for 2010. They will bring their ideas to the next meeting to discuss.

Envirothon Up-date – Mary was asked to give a report. For 2010, the competition will be held in the Jemez Mountains on April 23-24. There are at least 12 teams interested. Other teams are still welcomed to form and enter. Mary encouraged volunteers for this year's competition.

Region 3 Representative – Pete Stewart has stepped down as Reg. 3 Rep since he is now part of the Arizona Chapter of SWCS. Jean suggested that Penny Daye-Driscoll might be interested and Matt said that he might have a suggestion at a later date. Wayne asked that Relissa forward the e-mail that Pete had sent the group. This will be discussed further at a later date.

Newsletter – Jean stated that she is working on the newsletter and needs ideas or topics. The deadline for ideas/topics will be the 3rd Friday in March. Matt reported that on March 10, the Northwest SWCD will be having their annual meeting at the Civic Center in Clayton, NM. They should have some interesting speakers and may be topics that he can share with Jean. Mary will also get photos from the Winter Meeting to Jean for the newsletter. Jean also suggested that the Organic Forum would be a good article for the newsletter.

Next Meeting – The next teleconference meeting will be scheduled for April 2 at 9 am.

Adjourn – Matt moved to adjourn the meeting. Relissa seconded the motion. The motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 10:30 am.