

SANDHILLS RESOURCE CONSERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL
January 31, 2019
ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES

The Sandhills Resource Conservation and Development Council held the Annual Meeting on January 31st 2019 at 5:00 p.m. CT at Merricks Ranch House Café in North Platte. Thank you to Mona Anderson for her presentation on the Keep North Platte/Lincoln County Beautiful program prior to the RC&D meeting.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman, Bill Henry. Present were Bill and Sharron Henry, Carl Rundback, Kenny Kramer, Scott Hoberg, Robert Doyle, and Lyle and Twila Phillips. Absent were Cliff Welsh, Mitch Glidden (excused), Pam Moody, Dave Hardin (excused), Thad Emerson, and Lee Ferguson.

Consent Agenda

Minutes from the January 30, 2018 Annual meeting meeting were reviewed. Carl moved and Kenny seconded to approve minutes as presented. Motion carried.

Treasurer report: The end of year treasurer report was reviewed. The end balance for 2018 reconciled with the December bank statement shows a balance of \$25,643.67. Carl moved and Scott seconded to accept the Treasurer's report. Motion carried.

New Business

RC&D Dues Payments: The 2019 Dues Invoices have been sent out along with copies of the Annual Report and letter to county.

2018 Annual Report– The 2018 Annual Report was mailed out with the council packets. The council reviewed the annual report which outlined projects and partners in 2018.

2019 Budget – The proposed 2019 budget was reviewed. Budget numbers were based on actual numbers from 2018. Carl moved and Scott 2nd to approve the proposed 2019 budget, motion carried all aye.

Meeting Schedule – Council meetings have been held every other month on the last Tuesday. That schedule has seemed to work well and all agreed to stick with this schedule for 2019.

Performance Review – Brief discussion on Twila's performance review. No suggestions made for improvement.

Audit Committee – Deb and Pam conducted the internal audit for 2017. Discussion on selection of a committee to complete the task for 2018. Twila will contact Cliff and Pam and see if they would be willing to serve on the committee and she will make copies of all bank statements and treasurer reports and mail them out.

Project Updates: Twila gave a brief recap of current projects.

Nebraska Grazing Lands Coalition Nebraska Environmental Trust grant application – A recap of projects for 2018 were included in the 2018 Annual Report. This statewide non-profit group continues to coordinate and hold several grazing focused meetings and tours each year. Quarterly meetings are held for the board across the state and the next quarterly meeting will be held in March in Mullen. Founding member of the NGLC board, Lynn Myers, recently passed away. The NGLC was recently awarded a new Nebraska Environmental Trust three year grant with the primary focus of burning as a control method for the red cedar.

Sandhills Journey Scenic Byway – The Byway held their annual meeting and banquet January 26th in Cairo. The movie "Ocean of Grass" was shown in Grand Island in conjunction with the annual meeting and showings will be continued throughout 2019. There were approximately 900 in attendance at the three night showing in Grand Island. The Byway recently was awarded a new NE Tourism marketing grant. The 12th Annual Polar Bear Tank Race will be held in Mullen March 1-2nd.

Hooker County Project –The Sandhills RC&D continues to serve as the secretary for the lodging board – scheduling meetings, recording minutes, submitting grant applications and fulfilling grant requirements and filing claims forms for approved projects.

Housing – One new project is currently underway and receipts received on loan repayments.

Cedar Project –A new contact was made for a project in the Brewster area and Dave has been in contact with the individual.

New Office Location – The Sandhills RC&D office has been relocated to 109 NW 1st street in Mullen (on Main Street next to Lucy's). The office is located in the rear of the Mullen Arts Center and rent will be \$250 compared to \$450 at the old location. The office is a bit smaller, but the arrangement will work nicely for both the RC&D and Art Center.

The next meeting is scheduled for March 26th to be held in Tryon.

Respectfully submitted,
Twila Phillips