



**Nebraska Grazing Lands Coalition
Annual Meeting
Aug. 11, 2008
Holiday Inn, Kearney, NE**

Chairman Jim Carr called the meeting to order at 7:33 p.m. Present were:

Jim Carr	Chuck Stanley
Lynn Myers	Kevin Schultz
Dana Larsen	Rod Christen
Sherry Vinton	Vern Terrell
Michelle Wendell	Jim Jenkins
Bob Broweleit	Ross Garwood
Mitch Stephenson	Jim Luchsinger
Kevin Fulton	Scott Cotton
Paul Swanson	Tamara Choat
Larry Lange	

It was moved and seconded to pass previous minutes, which had been emailed to the Board earlier. Tamara Choat said she had contacted Nebraska Community Foundation to confirm transfer of funds into the Tier One Bank in Callaway. Dana Larsen reported she had talked to Twila Philips with the Sandhills RC&D and she had not received the check from NE Community Foundation or the NRCS. Ross Garwood moved to accept the Treasurers report. Lynn Myers seconded. Treasurer's report passed.

Tamara Choat gave a report on the status of the grants, including award amounts.

Discussion followed on the problem of cash flow with the spending. Tamara Choat noted that she had currently put all the Aug. 11 expenses on a personal credit card.

Discussion followed with the issues of obtaining an NGLC credit card. Scott Cotton pointed out the concerns with paying interest, and the fact that we would need to budget for interest in future events, and also the fact that some grants don't allow for the payment of interest. Ross Garwood moved to allow coordinator to pursue obtaining a credit card and a debit card and report findings back to board. Review of notes from July 28 showed a motion to approve Tamara to pursue obtaining a credit card. Motioned died from a lack of a second.

Kevin Fulton offered his place to bring Greg Judy in for the planned Reeves Ranch Tour on Sept. 5. It was pointed out that the outdoor weather could be a problem in September, and we would want to offer a suitable location and venue for a speaker like Greg Judy. Ross Garwood asked about the possibility of having Greg speak in a close location like St. Paul or Wolbach. Dana Larsen suggested several timing options. Discussion followed of bringing in Greg Judy to a local indoor venue and offering his presentation before or after the ranch tour.

Approval was given for Tamara to book closest location for 200 people in this order: Wolbach, Palmer, St. Paul, Albion.

Tentative schedule for Reeves Ranch Tour:

9 a.m.	Greg Judy in morning
11:30 a.m.	Noon meal
1-4 p.m.	Afternoon tour

Dana Larsen reported on the plans for the SW Area tour, tentatively planned for Sept. 16, and mentioned she would discuss alternative dates with Tamara Choat for this tour.

Scott Cotton reported on the current Web site needs. A subcommittee was formed of Scott Cotton, Jim Luchsinger and Tamara Choat to pursue information on a new Web site design and hosting. Tamara Choat reported she had obtained the domain name www.nebraskagrazinglands.org through Google. She posted current contact information on this Web site. Discussion followed that we want to make sure and link the .com domain to the .org as well.

Tamara Choat reported she would like to request permission to put the NRCS extended budget (\$2,000 marked for Multi-Media Web development of the \$5,000 awarded in July 2008) toward videoing the Reeves Tour. Motion was made by Scott Cotton; seconded by Paul Swanson to approve obtaining someone within budget to: travel, video, and edit and package a clip of the Reeves Tour.

Scott Cotton reported on the VAA grant:
Sept. 25—Panhandle Seminar, Scottsbluff
Oct. 1—Panhandle Tour at Box Butte

Discussion occurred on recruiting new board members, concerning if there were any particular organization that should be invited to send a board member to the NGLC.

Scott Cotton reported on the Articles. Discussion concerned:

- Combining Secretary and Treasurer
- Coordinator voting
- Annual meeting would be the meeting prior to the Nebraska Grazing Conference
- Have not decided on a partner list
- Have not decided on a decision grid for Coordinator

Scott Cotton moved that the By-Laws, Section VI. Meetings state: Annual meeting includes election of officers and the Fall meeting includes reports, by-law revisions and audit. Motion rescinded. Will vote on motion as a whole.

Discussion followed on:

- Including a chairman's report concerning the performance of the Coordinator; discussion followed on possibly including it in "Standard Policy" as opposed to the By-Laws.

Language changed to:

- NGLC shall conduct 4-5 meetings each year

- Annual meeting will include
 - o Election of officers
 - o Project reports
 - o Annual report
- Fiscal meeting will be held in February and include:
 - o Revision of by-laws
 - o Audits
 - o Annual reports

Fiscal year = December 31

Discussion followed concerning definition of council members versus members versus general membership. Discussion followed on allowing members to vote, versus council members. Point was made that member groups with contradictory views could theoretically come and vote and decide the direction and goals of the group.

It was discussed that at annual meeting, all members can vote. Members of coalition can bring a resolution forward to the council, who can vote on it.

Ross made motion to accept by-laws and articles as amended. Lynn Myers seconded. Motion passed. *(Note: Scott Cotton maintained changes and amendments to Articles and By-Laws, and a comprehensive review of all changes made is not included in these notes).*

Ross Garwood nominated Jim Carr to Chairman. Lynn Myers seconded. Motion passed. Michelle Wendell nominated Scott Cotton for Vice Chairman. Lynn Myers seconded. Motion passed. Ross Garwood nominated Jim Jenkins for Treasurer. Jim Jenkins respectfully declined. Ross Garwood nominated Rod Christen for Treasurer. Lynn Myers seconded. Discussion followed on the duties of the treasurer, including responsibilities and accounting procedures of the financial accountant. Discussion also involved how many and whose signatures would be valid to write a check. It was determined that Twila Phillips, Jim Carr, Tamara Choat and the Treasurer would be official signatures. Discussion also concluded that the official secretary would be in a position of "overseeing" the budget and expenditures, and would not be liable for any bookkeeping. Sherry Vinton stated she would be willing to serve if a treasurer was still needed. Scott Cotton nominated Sherry Vinton to Treasurer. Lynn Myers seconded. Motion passed.

Officers were nominated as follows:

Chairman – Jim Carr

Vice Chairman – Scott Cotton

Secretary – NA (Coordinator will serve as Secretary)

Treasurer – Sherry Vinton

Meeting was adjourned at 10:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Tamara Choat, Coordinator

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