



AGENDA
Nebraska Grazing Lands Coalition
Board Meeting
 Mon., June 1, 2009
 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. MST
 RC&D Office, Mullen, NE

Present:

Jim Carr
 Dana Larsen
 Bob Broweleit
 Tamara Choat

On phone:

Scott Cotton

Chairman Jim Carr called the meeting to order at 11 a.m. MST. First on the agenda was the interviews of three candidates for the position of Coordinator. Interviews were conducted, and the board consensus (after later discussion) was to offer the position to Marcy Hunter. (Marcy later accepted the position, and an initial contract was signed on June 3, 2009.)

Justin Frick, who was offered the position of Range Technician East, joined the group at 1 p.m. to meet everyone and discuss his new position. The board reviewed and discussed with Justin his contract and the Rangeland Monitoring Program. Following discussion, Justin was excused and the board continued with the remainder of the agenda.

Minutes from the May 5, 2009, board meeting were approved by consensus. Neither Sherry Vinton nor Twila Phillips were available to provide a Treasurer’s Report. Tamara will provide the final Grant Updates and Balances before she leaves her position.

Local network reports Jim Carr/Rod Christian

UPDATES

- Event Updates Tamara
- Sandhills Cattle Association conference
 - SE Panhandle Grazing Seminar/Tour, June 16, Sidney
 - 2nd Annual Ranch Stewardship Live, June 19-20, Hebron
 - SD/NE Joint Bus tour, July 21-22, Yankton
 - Multi-Species Grazing Project (VAA grant)

OLD BUSINESS

- New Board Members Tamara
- Email from Michelle Wendell
- Taxes Jim Carr/Bob Broweleit
- Cowboy Logic applicants Tamara
- Rangeland Monitoring Project Tamara
- NGLC Photo Contest Tamara

NEW BUSINESS

- NET Meeting, Friday, June 26, Kearney Tamara
- Sandhills Journey Scenic By-Ways Interpretive Center proposal Tamara/Bob
- Nebraska Bird Tour Jim C.
- Transition and Training Plan Tamara
- 2 p.m. Adjourn Jim C.

Discussion followed on the contract for the position of Range Technician East. Board consensus was to revise the contract to (50 ranches @ \$200/ranch, less to allow for final meetings, \$833.33/month) and offer it to Justin Frick for the position of Range Technician East. Tamara will revise the

Consensus of the board was to offer the position of coordinator to Marcy Hunter.

Discussion

Discussion followed on the possibility of seeking a partnership with the Sandhills Scenic By-Way to build an outdoor interpretive display showcasing native grasses and promoting the NGLC.

Rocky Mountain Bird Observatory, big promoters of GLCI. They have a large project working with NRCS and Short Grass Prairie.

Bob noted that if we are targeting bird watchers, it would be beneficial to schedule it for March or April when the cranes are here, to draw from that audience as well.

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