



Board Meeting Minutes
Nebraska Grazing Lands Coalition
(Board Meeting Minutes: April 19, 2010)
(10am MTN time at RC&D in Mullen, NE)

Board Members:

Present: Jim Carr, Scott Cotton, Sherry Vinton, Ross Garwood, Lynn Myers, Broc Terrell, Jim Luchsinger

Others Present: Twila Phillips, Bob Broweleit, Marcy Hunter, Joseph May, Kort Kemp, Andy Bishop-RWB, A.B. Cox-STF, Gene Mack-STF, Byron Eatinger-STF

Proceedings

· *Meeting called to order* at 10:00 a.m. by Chair, Jim Carr

· *Treasurer's Report:*

- NGLC bank statement reviewed by Twila Phillips

· *Coordinator's Report:*

- Marcy asked board to fill out NGLC in-kind match vouchers
- Grant balances reviewed by Marcy Hunter – email of budget will be sent out to board members, did not print out correctly in Mullen
- Marcy asked board if they had reviewed the NET 09 reallocation request email from Lab fees to equipment and project monitoring – board reviewed and approved for Marcy to send to Lisa Beethe
- Marcy summarized meeting with Kansas Grazing Lands Coalition and their request for the boards to meet this fall – board members suggested Marcy invite them to the Nebraska Grazing Conference in August and suggest a meeting with boards at that time
- Marcy reminded board that there will be a Bird tour conference call on April 29, 2010 at 10am central and encouraged board to join
- Marcy stated that current registration numbers are around 10 for the bird tour and that she placed an ad with the Nebraska Press Association to run the week of April 19 in newspapers across NE
- Jim Carr suggested Marcy contact Burwell and Ord newspapers about the tour and Marcy stated that she already ad sent them the press release, called them and that an ad was running in both of their papers this week
- Marcy reviewed these upcoming meetings with the board:
 - Network #1 – Chadron with UNL extension - May
 - Network #6 - Grassland Management Workshop – Franklin, NE – May 20
 - Network #5 – Ord, NE – May 21 (tentative)
 - Network #5 – Burwell, NE – June 2-3 Bird Tour
 - Network #2 – Banner county – June 11
 - Network #8 – Tecumseh wants to do bird and butterfly tour/meeting
- NGLC board made a motion for Kort to organize network meetings in Networks 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 8 – all approved
- NGLC board made motion for Kort to have a \$500 budget/meeting for networks 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 8 – all approved
- Board made motion for Kort to contact Gerry S. to do dinner and speaker after plan ID workshop for Network #8 and to decline the bird and butterfly tour/meeting – all approved
- Board made motion for Kort to attend NE Grazing Conference and Bird Tour – all approved
- Note: Kort's contract states he must attend 8 events and the NGLC board approved for him to attend network meetings 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 8, the grazing conference and bird tour which total 8 events
- NGLC made a motion for \$1,000 to come out of NET 08 – Outreach and Ed. to go towards 2010 Grazing and Bird Tour – all approved
- NGLC made a motion for \$900 to go towards NE Cattlemen tradeshow booth and membership – all approved
- NGLC made a motion for \$1,000 to go towards NE Grazing Conference – all approved
- Marcy asked NGLC if they would like to sponsor the NE Range Youth Camp again with \$300, grazing sticks and presenter
- Sherry made a motion to sponsor at \$300, but then amended and made motion to sponsor \$1,300, grazing sticks and Bob B. as presenter to range youth, Lynn second, all approved
- Jim L. suggested we explain to NE Range Camp that the \$1300 sponsorship is for this year only
- NGLC board asked Marcy to register booth and pay fee for the Sandhills Cattle Assn. Annual Meeting and Sandhills Ranch Expo Meeting this summer – all approved
- Joe May volunteered to man the booth at both events

· *Old Business*

- Scott stated the NGLC is now considered Public Charity rather than 510C3

- NGLC has a letter of determination held in Mullen office in corporate book which is to be submitted with grant proposals
 - Marcy updated group that quickbooks can not be used by both Marcy and Twila at the same time and has not been purchased, although Twila is running on a 2003 version and needs updated
 - NGLC board made motion for Marcy to purchase quickbooks pro 2010 – 2 users – all approved
- *New Business*
- Marcy handed out minutes from February 23, 2010 for board review – all approved
 - Marcy reviewed the current RMP signees for each territory
 - Marcy stated that training had been scheduled with Lincoln and not Chadron
 - Kort stated that SRM wants to add brochures to monitoring kits, board suggested that Kort and techs hand the brochures to producers and not to include in kits
 - Joe May stated that Mike Kucera has a list of landowners that are registered for monitoring program and part of CSP and he will send that to Marcy
 - Joe stated he would go to the field during monitoring to see if CSP participants have adequate documentation
 - Marcy stated that NGLC packets given to producers will have CSP hand out with NRCS requirements
 - Joe stated that DC's will come out during monitoring setup for CSP participants
- *Andy Bishop with Rainwater Basin Joint Venture here to discuss partnerships and tours – NGLC board was open to working with RWB on future tours as long as they can be tied to grazing. Andy will be in touch on setting up a field tour of an area where RWB has improved through grazing.*
- *Sandhills Task Force executive committee (A.B. Cox, Gene Mack, Byron Eatinger) here to discuss partnerships – NGLC board wanted to know more about young rancher programs supported by STF and how they can help. STF and NGLC discussed future partnerships where STF does ground work and NGLC does education and outreach.*
- *New Business cont.*
- Marcy discussed 2011 Grazing and Bird tour options and locations and board decided to wait to discuss until after the 2010 bird tour in June
 - Jim Carr brought resume for coordinator position for NGLC board to review
 - NGLC board reviewed resume but wanted to advertise position
 - Ross made a motion to advertise by Wed. May 5 – all approved
 - Contract to be a one year contract starting July for \$36,000 and NGLC will pay \$1,500 to train new coordinator in June
 - Scott brought up Roger Gates email, reviewed with board
 - Board asked Scott to tell Roger NGLC is interested
- *Meeting adjourned at 5:15pm by Jim Carr*
- *Minutes submitted by Coordinator, Marcy Hunter*