

New Mexico Riparian Council

Board Meeting Minutes

April 17, 2008

Meeting Called to Order: President Rich Schrader called the meeting to order at approximately 11:05 a.m.

Members in Attendance:– Denise Smith, Bill Zeedyk, Scott Armstrong - Treasurer, Doug Shaw, Steve McWilliams - Secretary, Rich Schrader (preparer of the minutes)

Agenda was reviewed. No new items were added.

Board member recruiting: Members discussed the need to recruit a president-elect for 2008 to become president in 2009. Rich described asking Debbie Risberg to become president and she said she's interested but not ready right now. Members agreed that she would be a good board member. Rich will invite her. We discussed inviting Roy Jemison to be president-elect. Bill agreed to invite him to be president. We also agreed to invite Mark Kaltenbach (Rich will call) and Nina Wells (Denise will call). Maceo Martinet and Shawn Knox will be alternatives if one of the invitees doesn't accept. A motion was made by Steve to approve the invitation of the new members and president-elect. The motion was seconded by Doug and passed unanimously.

Scott proposed a change to the bylaws to make the president position a two year term. Members discussed the pros and cons. One generally shared observation is a concern that a two year term could hurt the organization if the president is a "dud." The Board agreed that such a change is not useful at this time since the existing president can be renominated to be president again in subsequent years if that is desired.

Technology Transfer Committee Report: Bill reported on several events.

1. Los Trigos Ranch workshop on May 10 - reading the landscape
2. Comanche Creek workshop on July 20 to wrap up 7 years of restoration work
3. Building exclosures on the Rio de las Vacas (Jemez Mountains) on June 20, July 11 and August 1
4. August 15, 16, and 17 construction of rare Birch exclosures at the Alamo bog on the Valles Caldera.

Treasurer's report: Scott reported that the NMRC non-profit report to the IRS will be filed by May 15. The federal form verifying that less than \$25,000 was spent was submitted. Scott noted that there has been a decline in membership payments. Scott said he would send a membership reminder to past members.

The board discussed paying for 1 year of web hosting and 2 years of the domain name registration through the current website provider. Scott made a motion to pay for these costs. The motion was seconded by Steve and passed unanimously by board members.

Data Sharing Project and Proposal: Rich described the progress of building a website tool that will enable data sharing and presented a proposal by which the NM Riparian Council would send a letter asking other organizations to sponsor the project (see attached). The board raised questions about:

1. What constitutes a monitoring site? Rich responded that any discrete point or area where monitoring data is collected would constitute a monitoring location.
2. How to protect the privacy of private landowners who have sites? Rich responded that private information such as address, phone number and other private information would not be shared on the website. A field may be added to provide a contact name and email address.
3. Bill asked that there be a minimum set of data requirements. Rich responded at this point the minimum data requirements will be a GPS location and photo. In the future data such as water chemistry, geomorphology, and riparian vegetation data may be minimum required elements.
4. The board asked that there be search function for sites with certain data types such as reference reach conditions.

Denise made a motion to approve the proposal for Rich to draft a letter making a sponsorship call. Scott seconded the motion and the proposal was passed unanimously.

Creeks and Cadres PFC training update: Steve said the Clayton workshop has 12 people registered and will take place as scheduled in May. The Ruidoso workshop has 15 people registered.

Minutes of January 17, 2008 were reviewed by Board members at today's meeting. No additions or corrections were made. A motion was made by Doug to approve the minutes which was seconded by Denise. The board unanimously approved the minutes.

The next meeting was set for **July 24 from 10am to 12pm** at the USF&W office (Denise will host) in Albuquerque

The meeting adjourned at approximately 1:15pm