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Present

Kenny Lovelace, President
Bruce Biermann, Area I
Tom Lambert, Area II
Beverly Dometrorch, Area IV
George Engelbach, Area V
Ben Gorden, Area VI
Dan Greeson, Area VII
Peggy Lemons, Executive Director

Not Present

Steve Radcliff, Past President
Ryan Britt, Area III
Mike Kelley, Area VIII
Henry Heinze, Treasurer

President Kenny Lovelace welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m. Quorum established by roll call. No revisions to the agenda.

The schedule for the 2014 Area Meetings was reviewed. There will be elections in all Areas this year. According to the bylaws the slate of nominees needs to be available to the districts no less than 2 weeks prior to the meeting. The vote will be by ballot vote. Nominations from the floor are accepted, however if the district the nominee is from has not paid their dues in full, they have 30 days from the election to get them paid. Kenny Lovelace asked each of the Area Directors on the call how their nominating committee was coming.

Area 1 – Bruce Biermann said he is running again and Rick Mullick agreed to run as 1st alternate. He has had no response from Bernard Chestnut yet.

Area 2 – Tom Lambert said he is not planning to run again. David Morris will run for Area Director and Steve Radcliff will run for 1st Alternate. He did not remember the name of the person running for 2nd Alternate. Wendy Bowen is handling the nominating committee for him.

Area 3 – Ryan Britt was not on the call however he has requested a list of phone numbers and email addresses for the districts in his area.

Area 4 – Beverly Dometrorch said so far she is the only person on the ballot, hopefully will get nominees from the floor for Alternates.

Area 5 – George Engelbach said he had not done anything yet about the election, however Cyndi Rousan from the Jefferson SWCD office requested a message be sent out to the districts in Area 5 informing them of the election and that George would be running again for Area Director.

Area 6 – Ben Gorden said Tony Rosen in the Dallas SWCD is handling the nominating committee for him. His area has had only 6 counties out of 16 pay dues so far, so that is all that an vote.

Area 7 – Dan Greeson said David Stubblefield from Oregon SWCD is handling his nominating committee. He does plan to run again for Area Director and he thinks David Stubblefield will run for 1st Alternate.

Area 8 – Mike Kelley was not on the call and has not contacted any of the rest of the Board about his election. Kenny Lovelace plans to follow up with Mike.

The Opening Session speaker for the 2014 Training Conference was discussed. Kenny Lovelace asked for suggestions from the Board. One of the suggestions that had already been submitted was to have a political speaker (possibly one who plans to run for Governor in 2016). Tom Steever of the Brownfield Network was also suggested, he has been speakers at some of the NACD national meetings before. George Engelbach suggested Kevin Jackson, a humorist he had heard at another meeting. After further discussion a motion was made by Tom Lambert to have Kevin Jackson as first choice and if he is unavailable or his price is not within our budget then Tom Steever as 2nd choice. Bruce Biermann seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously (5-0).

Steve Radcliff had attended a round table discussion with Governor Nixon last week in Ray County about the sales tax funding. He had reported earlier to Kenny Lovelace that it is estimated if the legislation that the Legislature passed and currently has been vetoed by the Governor is put into effect by an override of the Governor's veto that the soil and water sales tax will lose approximately \$5 million yearly. This legislation puts in place several sales tax exemptions on purchases. The Legislature will re-convene in September for a veto session and will most likely consider this sales tax legislation again.

Bruce Biermann reported on his activities with the MRRIC committee. He has been an alternate on the committee with Jack Majeres from South Dakota as the member of the committee. There has been only enough funding for one person to attend the meetings. At the meeting in Colorado at the Northern Plains Regional Meeting they learned there is a vacancy on the MRRIC committee, all other agencies and organizations have 2 seats on the committee except conservation. He has been asked to file for that vacant seat, however there may only be enough funding to pay one person to attend the meetings. It is estimated the travel cost is \$4,000 per year and the term is for 3 years. If he does submit his name for the vacant seat, it should be approved by September 12, the deadline for filing for the seat is July 18. The next meeting is in Casper, Wyoming on August 18-21. George Engelbach made a motion that Bruce should file for the vacant seat and MASWCD would support his travel. Dan Greeson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously (5-0). Bruce stated he would attend the meeting in Casper, Wyoming, pay for his expenses and submit a travel expense report at the next MASWCD meeting. It was suggested MASWCD does not pay the \$150 additional dues that will be requested shortly due to the additional payment of travel expenses for Bruce.

No date set for the next meeting, probably will be early September. Motion for adjournment was made by George Engelbach, seconded by Tom Lambert. Motion carried unanimously (5-0). The meeting was adjourned at 1:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Peggy Lemons, Executive Director

Kenny Lovelace, President