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Board of Directors Meeting

August 13, 2009

- 1. Call to Order** – The regular meeting of High Plains Weed Management Association was held August 13, 2009 at the Bluffs Business Center. President Jeff Schledewitz called the meeting to order at 1:00 P.M. Board Members present: Chris Kaiser, Dan Weinreis, Owen Walker, Robin Lapaseotes, Verlin Bruns. Board Members absent: Gerald Davis, Kay Grote, Mike Marker, Terry McCord. Others present: Paul Beaver, Interim Project Manager/Field Coordinator, Cris Burks, NDA, Christine Miller, NRCS Sidney, Nick Sanderson, Sioux County, Curtis Cloud and Georgette Jordening, NRCS, Scott Chase with H&S Habitat Enhancement, and Joyce Mick, Panhandle RC&D Program Assistant.
- 2. Approval of Agenda** – Verlin Bruns moved to approve the agenda with the addition of mileage rate and Weed Watch funding and articles. Seconded by Dan Weinreis. ROLL CALL: AYES: Chris Kaiser, Dan Weinreis, Jeff Schledewitz, Owen Walker, Robin Lapaseotes, Verlin Bruns. NAYS: None. Motion carried.
- 3. Resignation of Kay Grote** – Robin Lapaseotes moved to accept the resignation of Kay Grote as Secretary. Seconded by Verlin Bruns. ROLL CALL: AYES: Chris Kaiser, Dan Weinreis, Jeff Schledewitz, Owen Walker, Robin Lapaseotes, Verlin Bruns. NAYS: None. Motion carried.
- 4. Approval of Minutes for June 11, 2009** – Dan Weinreis moved to approve the minutes from June 11, 2009. Seconded by Owen Walker. ROLL CALL: AYES: Chris Kaiser, Dan Weinreis, Jeff Schledewitz, Owen Walker, Robin Lapaseotes, Verlin Bruns. NAYS: None. Motion carried.
- 5. Approval of Minutes for July 28, 2009** – Robin Lapaseotes moved to approve the minutes from July 28, 2009. Seconded by Dan Weinreis. ROLL CALL: AYES: Chris Kaiser, Dan





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Weinreis, Jeff Schledewitz, Owen Walker, Robin Lapaseotes, Verlin Bruns. NAYS: None. Motion carried.

6. Treasurer's Report – Chris Kaiser moved to approve the Treasurer's Report. Seconded by Verlin Bruns. ROLL CALL: AYES: Chris Kaiser, Dan Weinreis, Jeff Schledewitz, Owen Walker, Robin Lapaseotes, Verlin Bruns. NAYS: None. Motion carried.

7. Bills Paid and Bills to be Paid – Chris Kaiser moved to approve the bills paid and to be paid. Seconded by Verlin Bruns. ROLL CALL: AYES: Chris Kaiser, Dan Weinreis, Jeff Schledewitz, Owen Walker, Robin Lapaseotes, Verlin Bruns. NAYS: None. Motion carried.

8. Interim Project Manager/Field Coordinator Report – Paul Beaver reported to the Board that he attended the Missouri River Water Coalition meeting at Spearfish; NE Dept of Ag meeting at Grand Island; grant writing workshop at Fort Mead. The contractors are back in the field. There was a problem with insurance papers, but that is corrected. Two contractors currently not back to work. We have 20 active applications for removal of Russian Olive trees and several CCPI applications (these are getting monies through NRCS), seven applications for spraying. Paul reported that on the North Platte River Invasive grant that when writing it, we are going to cut back on Salt Cedar and Phragmites, increasing money available for Russian Olive removal. All work done will be on a cost share. The 85% for signing up for EQIP monies are taxable and are losing monies on it. Paul is applying for a \$7,000.00 grant for advertising for CCPI with the Department of AG.

9. Old Business

a. Relinquished unused portion of grant of \$133,503.44 of the LB701 funds. These funds were used for the river channel for phragmites and salt cedar only. Work was not completed because of frost.

b. Discussion was held on the \$10,767.76 and that we are trying to settle this and that we have no monies to pay this. Paul is working with Mitch Coffin with Department of Ag and stated that we have given them everything they have asked for. It was discussed to maybe invite them to attend a Board meeting.





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c. The mileage rate was set at \$.55 per mile.

10. New Business

a. **Weed Watch** – The insert articles are due August 25, 2009 and will be printed September 10, 2009. Two or three articles are needed from this area, update from Paul, CCPI article and any success stories. Discussion was held on funding for 2010 for the Weed Watch inserts. Will apply for a grant or maybe include it in the ET grant or do both.

b. **NAWAMA Conference** – Jeff and Paul are both going to attend and it is held September 21-24, 2009 at Kearney. Jeff asked if anyone from the Board was interested and that he had extra copies.

c. **Treasurer's Position** – Owen Walker moved to approve Dan Weinreis as the new Treasurer. Seconded by Verlin Bruns. ROLL CALL: AYES: Chris Kaiser, Dan Weinreis, Jeff Schledewitz, Owen Walker, Robin Lapaseotes, Verlin Bruns. NAYS: None. Motion carried.

d. **Secretary's Position** – Discussion was held and it was decided to table it until the next regular Board meeting.

e. **Contract for Contractors** – Discussion was held on bonding and that it is costly to the contractor and adding High Plains Weed Management as an additional insurer. Paul will go through the contract and make corrections, additions and will email it to the board for the next regular meeting after complete will have any attorney to look it over.

f. **Secretary of Ag visit** – The Secretary of Ag will be in Scottsbluff on September 21, 2009 and Paul is trying to get on his agenda.

g. **Lori Storm's check and Summit monies** – Robin Lapaseotes moved to void the check payable to Lori Storm and re-issue another check. Seconded by Owen Walker. ROLL CALL: AYES: Chris Kaiser, Dan Weinreis, Jeff Schledewitz, Owen Walker, Robin Lapaseotes, Verlin Bruns. NAYS: None. Motion carried. Discussion was held on the Summit monies in the amount of \$12,387.85 and will check with interested parties involved about maybe splitting the monies. Will be put on the agenda for the next regular Board meeting.





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- h. River Flight with Jimmy Pongetti with BASF** – Jeff Schledewitz and Paul Beaver flew the river from Wyoming Line to Keith County Line. You could see the difference between properties that were cleared and were not.
- i. Flyer for NAWMA Convention** – Paul Beaver showed the flyer and it was decided to add the ET logo on it.
- j. Delinquent account receivables – adding interest** – Discussion was held on adding interest to delinquent accounts or maybe filing a lien on the property. No action was taken as Paul Beaver will make contact with these accounts.
- k. Dan Lyles (Sky Copter's) performance bond** – Verlin Bruns moved to release the bond for Sky Copter's in the amount of \$100,000.00. Seconded by Dan Weinreis. ROLL CALL: AYES: Chris Kaiser, Dan Weinreis, Jeff Schledewitz, Owen Walker, Robin Lapaseotes, Verlin Bruns. NAYS: None. Motion carried
- l. Executive Session Project Manager** – Verlin Bruns moved to enter into executive session at 2:35 P.M. Seconded by Robin Lapaseotes. ROLL CALL: AYES: Chris Kaiser, Dan Weinreis, Jeff Schledewitz, Owen Walker, Robin Lapaseotes, Verlin Bruns. NAYS: None. Motion carried. Dan Weinreis moved to exit out of executive session at 3:04 P.M. Seconded by Verlin Bruns. ROLL CALL: AYES: Chris Kaiser, Dan Weinreis, Jeff Schledewitz, Owen Walker, Robin Lapaseotes, Verlin Bruns. NAYS: None. Motion carried. Owen Walker moved to accept Paul Beaver as Manager of High Plains Weed Management. Seconded by Verlin Bruns. ROLL CALL: AYES: Chris Kaiser, Dan Weinreis, Jeff Schledewitz, Owen Walker, Robin Lapaseotes, Verlin Bruns. NAYS: None. Motion carried.
- m. Next Meeting time and date** – The next meeting will be held September 10, 2009 at 1:00 P.M.





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n. **Adjournment** – Chris Kaiser moved to adjourn at 3:05 P.M. Seconded by Robin Lapaseotes. ROLL CALL: AYES: Chris Kaiser, Dan Weinreis, Jeff Schledewitz, Owen Walker, Robin Lapaseotes, Verlin Bruns. NAYS: None. Motion carried.





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