



AZ Chapter of Soil and Water Conservation Society
Minutes
February 27, 2009
Natural Resource Education Center
Coolidge, AZ

Welcome and Introductions – Members present were Karen Geldmacher, Kris Johnson, Cathy McGuire, Steve Smarik, Dave Moore, Fred Miller, Paul Buck, Mohammed Zerkoune, Mary Nichols and Kris Graham Chavez.

Treasurer's Report – Kris GC reported that there is \$19,788.52 in the Checking Account, \$19,84 in Scholarship Fund, \$1,269.56 Saving Account and \$28,953.82 in CD. \$2,500 from Vulcan Materials for Ben Avery Scholarship, \$3,936.38 for Silent Auction and \$11,986.11 proceeds 2008 Conference.

CD Maturity – The CD matures March 21, 2009. There was discussion to continue leaving the money in the CD. Dave said he would check if a money market account would be a place to put some of our checking account balance.

2008 International Conference – Fantastic conference – no complaints.

❖ Proceeds

Break Sponsor for 2009 – *Karen moved and Kris J 2nd to approve break for sponsors. Motion carried. We will host a break at 2009 conference in conjunction w/ NM as a thank you to them for all their help with the 2009 mtg.*

Silent Auction for 2009 – Remember to think of items for us to donate for the conference this year.

Sponsor a member to attend 2009 – It was discussed to send someone to the 2009 who would not have their registration paid by their agencies.

Policy will be drafted and will have to earn way to conference. 1) Member 2) \$500 3) Agree to Chair Committee or become Officer.

Sponsor AZ Envirothon – Kris J moved to sponsor AZ Envirothon for \$1,000. Kris GC 2nd the motion. Motion carried.

NRCWAY sponsorship was also discussed and Mary will get details of how much is needed.

Ben Avery Scholarship

- ❖ Brochure – Karen, Kris J, Cathy and Kris GC met and discussed changes to the application. Changes include 1) Sophomore who has successfully completed 24 credit hours, 2) Three \$1,000 scholarships will be distributed for each academic year. 3) Applications are due by April 30, 2009

- ❖ Letter to Vulcan – Chapter met with Vulcan Materials Company in December. They have agreed to sponsor the Ben Avery Scholarship for \$2,500. Kris GC send them a thank you note on behalf of the Chapter.

2009 International Meeting - July 11-15 ♦ Dearborn, Michigan

- ❖ Attendance
 - Delegate to Michigan – Tabled until we have elections
 - Posters/Papers – Poster deadline has been extended to March 13, 2009.

Annual Progress

- ❖ Taxes – Tax filing has been completed.
- ❖ Award Application – Cathy submitted the Annual Chapter Activity Report (fka Core report) and Chapter Achievement Award.

Membership – Kris GC is working on developing updated membership list. Need volunteer to help send out e mails and letters as we have several members with no e mail address.

Nominations of New Officers

Karen Geldmacher - Professor - Central Arizona College
Mary Nichols - Researcher - Agriculture Research Service - Watershed
Paul Buck - Soil Conservationist - San Carlos Indian Reservation
Mohammed Zerkoune - Soil Conservationist - NRCS
Kris Johnson - Owner / Well Energy Testing, Inc.
David Moore - Soil Scientist - FS
Gary Wendt - Peabody Coal
Kris Graham Chavez - Resource Conservationist - NRCS

- ❖ Bylaws
- ❖ Long and Short Range Plans

Other - Eddie Foster sent a proposal for SWCS to help sponsor an irrigation workshop in Safford this spring. We will get further details on what he needs and who his audience is.

Kris will work on budget and develop procedures on sponsoring activities.

Next Meeting: Tabled until slate of officers have been selected.