

NWLEPG BOARD MEETING MINUTES

September 9, 2021 @ Noon

Thomas County Office Complex – Board Room

Board Approved on October 5, 2021

County / Board Member	12/4	3/12	6/4	9/3	12/3	3/11	5/13	6/10	9/9
(CN) Mila Bandel	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
(GL) Justin Phillips		X			X		X	X	
(GO) Duane Vollbracht, President	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
(LE) Bud Newberry	X	X				X			X
(LG) Angie Kahle	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X
(RA) Alan Solko	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X
(SC) Monica Beeson		X		X	X	X	X	X	X
(SD) Joe Bainter, Vice President		X		X	X	X	X		X
(SH) Jennifer Cure	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
(TH) Mike Baughn	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X
(TR) Jerry White	X		X	X	X	X		X	X
(WA) Michael Cowles	X	X	X			X			X

LEPG Staff: Brice Cronn, Connie Albers, & Tim Hansen

Guest(s): None

1. Determination of a quorum

The meeting was called to order at 12:08 PM by Duane with a quorum of 11 voting members present. Mila and Angie joined via Zoom.

2. Additions/approval of Agenda

Alan motioned to approve agenda as is. Joe seconded. Motion carried.

3. Approval of Minutes

- Duane stated that he talked to Connie before the meeting about adding a line in the minutes from the June 10th Special Meeting.

Jerry motioned to approve last meetings minutes as is and approve the special meetings minutes as amended. Jennifer seconded. Motion carried.

4. Financial Report

Monica moved to approve the financial reports as is. Joe seconded. Motion carried.

5. Bank Signature Card

- Add Brice Cronn, Jennifer Cure and Joe Bainter to the BankWest signature card. Remove Derek Barnhart, Brad Flipse and Rhonda Sperber from the signature card.

Duane motioned the following people to be on the BankWest signature card: Brice Cronn, Jennifer Cure, Joe Bainter, Duane Vollbracht, & Tim Hansen. Mike seconded. Motion carried.

6. Excess Office Equipment

Joe motioned that the NWLEPG has excess equipment of a filing cabinet and two printers. Monica seconded. Motion carried.

7. NWLEPG Vice President

Monica motioned for Joe Bainter to be the Vice President of the NWLEPG Board. Jennifer seconded. Motion carried.

8. Brice's Report

- Will be attending the KEHA meeting next week in Manhattan for training and networking opportunities.
- Will be looking into alternative funding mechanisms for the NWLEPG. Whether they are Dane G. Hansen grants, grants from other entities, grants from private companies, & strategic partnerships with companies that have interest doing business in the counties that we serve.

- Conducting a legislature effort on behalf of the LEPP programs and their funding by having an open discussion with the leadership within our state. Need to fill the hole that the elimination of the LEPP funding made. Contacted a number of state representatives to get this going.

9. Tim's Report

- Had several people on the list for cost share in each county but didn't seem to be funding very many. Talked to the district managers and found that their budgets had been cut and reappropriated to the eastern part of the state. About twenty-five percent had been cut from the 12 counties NRCS budgets in our area.
- With two more systems being put in at Cedar Bluff Reservoir that will bring the total for Trego County to 55 systems at Cedar Bluff Reservoir.
- Recent commercial systems: American Implement in Cheyenne County, High Choice Feeders in Lane and Scott counties, McCarty Dairy in Thomas County, Smith Family Farms in Greeley County, & Pathway Ag in Sherman County.
- County Code Revision Overview:
 - Trego County has a hearing for final approval on Tuesday, September 14, 2021
 - Counties that are in concurrence: Sheridan, Scott, and Greeley. Gove will be shortly.
 - County Code Review Meetings yet to be scheduled: Cheyenne & Thomas
 - Counties that elected not to make any changes: Sherman & Wallace
 - Counties that haven't done anything yet: Lane, Logan, & Rawlins
- Brice and Tim have started the process of updating the Administrative Procedures and Construction Guidelines to reflect the new county codes. By-Laws of the NWLEPG states that we need to present them to the board 30 days prior to the next NWLEPG Board Meeting.
- The new leased car has gotten 40.6 miles per gallon.

10. Adjournment

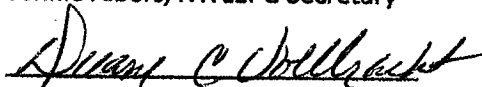
- A special board meeting is tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, October 5, 2021 @ 9:00 AM via Zoom.
- The next board meeting is tentatively scheduled for Thursday, December 9, 2021 @ noon.

With no other business before the board Joe made a motion to adjourn, Jennifer seconded the motion. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 1:27 PM.

Respectfully Submitted



Connie Albers, NWLEPG Secretary



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