WIR President, Commissioner Josi called the meeting to order. [1:00]

Commissioner Josi called the roll. Members present were:

- Alaska:
- Arizona:
- California:
  - Hon. Brian Dahle, Supervisor, Lassen County
  - Hon. David Finigan, Supervisor, Del Norte County
- Colorado:
  - Hon. Art Goodtimes, Commissioner, San Miguel County
- Hawai‘i:
  - Hon. Dickie Chang, Councilmember, Kauai County
- Idaho:
  - Hon. R. E. Cope, Commissioner, Lemhi County
  - Hon. Lin Hintze, Commissioner, Custer County
- Montana:
  - Hon. Lesley Robinson, Commissioner, Phillips County
  - Hon. Mike Murray, Commissioner, Lewis and Clark County
- Nevada:
  - Hon. John Ellison, Commissioner, Elko County
  - Hon. Roger Mancebo, Commissioner, Pershing County
- New Mexico:
- North Dakota:
- Oregon:
  - Hon. Tim Josi, Commissioner, Tillamook County
  - Hon. Dan Shoun, Commissioner, Lake County
- South Dakota:
  - Hon. Clint Farlee, Commissioner, Ziebach County
- Utah:
  - Hon. Alan Gardner, Commissioner, Washington County
  - Hon. Lynn Stevens, Commissioner, San Juan County
- Washington:
  - Hon. Ron Walter, Commissioner, Chelan County
  - Hon. John Koster, Commissioner, Snohomish County
- Wyoming:

Ex officio board members, and staff present were: Mr. Mike McArthur, Association of Oregon Counties, Mr. Brent Gardner, Utah Association of Counties, Mr. Harold Blattie, Montana Association of Counties, Mr. Daniel Chadwick, Idaho Association of Counties, Mr. Paul Gutierrez, New Mexico Association of Counties, Mr. Joe Evans, Wyoming County Commissioners
Commissioner Murray moved approval of the minutes of the fall meeting Tillamook County, OR. Second by Commissioner Cope. The motion carried. [1:10]

Commissioner Bill Kennedy provided an introduction to the 2010 WIR Conference in Yellowstone County, MT – May 26-28. Kennedy also discussed the two tours Yellowstone County are sponsoring during the WIR conference. [1:12]

Both an Agriculture and Energy Tour are available. (full day)

Conference Wide Event will be held at MetraPark in Billings, MT.

Ms. Sylvia Baca, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Land and Minerals Management, DOI, gave a presentation on behalf of the Department of the Interior.

- Baca assured the WIR board that “[the Department of the Interior] support the full funding of PILT.” Mentioned revenue sharing programs including SRS face a difficult budget process. This Administration will work with NACo on funding the future of these programs.

- On Western Oregon Timber, a diverse group of stakeholders, including local government, are working collaboratively. Input from local governments is critical to land management decisions.

- On wild Horse and Burros, DOI has a new initiative for short term and long term concerns of the wild horse and burro populations. Thanks NV NACo for their support of DOI. 37K horses and burros are too much for sustainable rangeland health. 30K in short term pastures and holdings. Will partner with private organizations to relocate. This should help promote regional eco-tourism.

- WFLC – Announced the recently scheduled meeting of the Wildland Fire Leadership Council – the first gathering under the direction of the Obama Administration. The WFLC will meet on March 16 and 17. Pleased to have Dan Shoun (Lake County) appointed to the Council.

- Salazar announced new initiatives including: New Energy Frontier, Americas Great Outdoors, Native American Nations, Climate Change, Water Challenges, and Youth.


- Preserve and protect lands for the future
  - NLCS needs additional investments
  - 28 million acres of scientific, ecological, recreational areas

- On National Monument Controversy
  - DOI reviewing acreages for special designations
  - No actions have been taken
  - Will work with state and local government

- Tribal – need to strengthen relationship with tribes and tribal communities
• DOI (Salazar) credited with settling the Cobell Case
  • RS2477 – DOI moratorium on RS 2477 claims in February stands
  • Sage Grouse placed on candidate list. States will assist in conservation efforts

Burrell Ellis discussed his campaign for NACo 2nd Vice president. [2:02]

Mark Rey (representing the Lockheed Martin Corporation) gave a presentation on the future policy issues surrounding the Forest Service air tanker fleet. [2:06]
  • The current fleet service life is limited to 5-10 years. Referenced NTSP report
  • George Sturgil (Lockheed Martin) showcased the Lockheed aircraft that could be used to replace the current antiquated SF fleet

George Mannina (Nossaman and Associates) discussed climate policy fairness coalition [2:37]
  • Current administration pursuing national Ocean Policy to ensure activities for restoration on all water impacting oceans

Marc Kelley (Partners for Rural America) gave an update on the SRS campaign [2:50]

President Josi began discussion of NACo resolutions overview

WIR Board voted to support:
  • PLSC resolutions en bloc
  • Oppose clean water for all resolution

Commissioner Robinson led discussion on land acquisition efforts in Montana. A Statewide organization is working to buy up cattle ranches (see handout).

Amanda Clark (NACo) and Ryan Yates gave presentation on the upcoming request for proposal (RFP) for the upcoming 2012 & 2013 WIR conferences
  • Sarah Merklein mentioned New Mexico’s interest in hosting
  • Dickie Chang mentioned HI interest in hosting on the island of Kauai.

Ryan Yates provided a legislative update [3:15]

President Tim Josi adjourned the meeting [3:30]