WIR President, Mayor Selby called the meeting to order, and welcomed the Board to Kodiak.

President Selby called the roll. Members present were:

- **Alaska:**
  - Hon. Jerome Selby, Kodiak Island Borough

- **Arizona:**
  - Hon. David Tenney, Supervisor, Navajo County

- **California:**
  - Hon. Kevin Cann, Supervisor, Mariposa County

- **Colorado:**

- **Hawai‘i:**
  - Dennis “Fresh” Onishi, Council Member, Hawaii County

- **Idaho:**
  - Hon. Gordon Cruickshank, Commissioner, Valley County

- **Montana:**
  - Hon. Lesley Robinson, Commissioner, Phillips County
  - Hon. Mike Murray, Commissioner, Lewis and Clark County

- **Nevada:**
  - Hon. Lorinda Wichman, Commissioner, Nye County
  - Hon. Demar Dahl, Commissioner, Elko County

- **New Mexico:**

- **North Dakota:**
  - Hon. Scott Ourdnik, Commissioner, Slope County

- **Oregon:**
  - Hon. Tim Josi, Commissioner, Tillamook County

- **South Dakota:**
  - Hon. Clint Farlee, Commissioner, Ziebach County

- **Utah:**
Hon. Daron Smith, Commissioner, Millard County
Hon. Alan Gardner, Commissioner, Washington County

- Washington:
  Hon. Todd Mielke, Commissioner, Spokane County
  Hon. Ron Walter, Commissioner, Chelan County

- Wyoming:
  Hon. Joel Bousman, Commissioner, Sublette County

Ex officio board members, and staff present were: Brent Gardner, Utah Association of Counties; Kathie Wasserman, Alaska Municipal League; Mike McArthur, Association of Oregon Counties; Eric Johnson, Washington State Association of Counties; Mark Johnson, North Dakota Association of Counties; Dan Chadwick, Idaho Association of Counties; Jen Sweeny, Arizona Association of Counties; Craig Sullivan, County Supervisors Association of Arizona; and Ryan Yates, NACo.

March 2, 2013

1:30 p.m.  Welcome – President Jerome Selby

1:33 p.m.  Roll Call & Approval of minutes

1:40 p.m.  NACo 2nd Vice President Presentations

  Hon. Tim Josi, Hon. Alan Angel

1:45 p.m.  Hon. David Tenney – WIR Conference Overview for Coconino County

  Welcome by Joanne Keene & Mandy Metzker, Coconino County, AZ

1:50 p.m.  Rob Gordon, Heritage Foundation

- The Key to Effective stewardship - briefly, those are the principles of the American Conservation ethic. In a nutshell, the ethic recognizes that:
  - The key to effective environmental stewardship is to better understand renewable natural resources and the relationships among them;
  - We must use science as a guide for public policy;
  - We need to create policies that result in real and significant environmental benefits;
  - We should tap the free market and property rights to achieve environmental goals;
  - We must approach environmental issues on a site- and situation-specific basis;
  - We need to tap the inherent and relentless drive for efficiency through technological improvement;
  - While doing all of this, we need to recognize humans as the most important resource and liberty as something we choose and refuse to sacrifice.

- Heritage Foundation’s American Conservation Ethic
  - Principle #1: People are the most important, unique, and precious resource.
Principle #2: renewable natural resources are resilient and dynamic and respond positively to wise management.

Principle #3: Private property protections and free markets provide the most promising new opportunities for environmental improvements.

Principle #4: efforts to reduce, control, and remediate pollution should achieve real environmental benefits.

Principle #5: as we accumulate scientific, technological, and artistic knowledge, we learn how to get more from less.

Principle #6: management of natural resources should be conducted on a site- and situation-specific basis.

Principle #7: science should be employed as a tool to guide public policy.

Principle #8: the most successful environmental policies emanate from liberty.

2:05 p.m. NACo 2nd Vice President Presentations

Hon. Sally Clark

2:08 p.m. Hon. Arthur “Butch” Blazer, Deputy Undersecretary, USDA

- Highlight the importance of land management to rural America
- Discussed the history of the Mescalero Tribe and relationship developed while he was State Forester of New Mexico
- In multiple capacities, he has worked closely with counties on big issues
- Current issues include:
  - Drought – South -> central plains states will impact rangelands and grazing permits. Will work closely with permittees if reduction in AUM's occur
  - Cohesive Strategy – pleased with continued intergovernmental efforts to complete the strategy. NACo has good representation on the Wildland Fire Executive Committee (WFEC). 2.6 million acres were treated by the Forest Service in FY 2012, 720K outside the wildland urban interface.
  - Collaborative Forest Land Restoration Program is working well. Congress provided $40 million for CFLRA this year.
  - Land management planning – new planning rule

- Questions:
  - Dahl – emphasis needs to be on prevention, rather than suppression. Identify risk to grazing resources.
    - A: Cohesive strategy is key to achieving national intergovernmental plan for addressing wildfire.
  - Placer county – using waste to build green energy resources. Need change in definition of renewable energy at federal level to include woody biomass.
  - Bousman – can we compare cost of prevention to cost of suppression? Create cost comparison to build public support for increased management.
• A: working with partnerships to build additional capacity and public support. Reference Federal Forest Resource Coalition.

2:37 p.m.  Cynthia Moses-Nedd introduce Michael Nedd, Bureau of Land Management

• 700 million acres sub-surface estate in BLM
• BLM approved 5,000 drilling permits last year - $104 billion to economy and 300K jobs
• Hydraulic fracturing
  ▪ Draft rule proposed
  ▪ Increased public confidence in HF activities
  ▪ 175K comments received
• Oil shale – currently 2 lawsuits against BLM
• Questions:
  ▪ Wasserman – legacy well cleanup in Alaska
  ▪ Jones – in 2008 2 million acres taken off the table from oil / gas leasing in Utah.

2:55 p.m.  Brent Gardner, Utah Association of Counties

• State legislatures efforts to have federal government relinquish title and turn back to states.
• HB 148 in Utah
• Paul Gutierrez highlighted similar efforts in NM – Bills were killed during legislative session

3:12 p.m.  Chris White, Anchor Point

• Discuss applications of No-HARM system
  ▪ Policy and Emergency Management
    • Risk Mapping
    • Tool for growth management
    • Code adoption and implementation
    • Land management
    • Presidential Policy Directive 8
    • Media strategy
  ▪ Vulnerability Assessments
    • Energy transmission
    • Oil and Gas lines and wells
    • Developed areas
    • Communication towers
  ▪ Pre-planning for Hazard/Risk Mitigation
    • Community Wildfire Protection Plans
    • Insurance Rating Validation
    • Homeowner/community education
    • Grant Selection
• Use two integrated models – Wildland & Interface
• Model Organization
  • Wildland Model
  • Interface Model
• Wildland Model
  • Fire Behavior Modeling (HAZARD)
  • Probability of Fire Occurrence (RISK)
  • Built Environment Component
  • FireSheds
• Interface Model
  • Community Delineation
  • Embering Component
  • Fuel Islands
• Foehn Wind Adjustment

3:40 p.m. Gerry Hillier – DOI LCC’s

• Landscape Conservation Cooperatives are management-science partnerships that inform integrated resource management actions addressing climate change and other stressors within and across landscapes. They will link science and conservation delivery. Each LCC functions within a specific landscape, but it also will be part of a national, and ultimately, international network. LCCs are true cooperatives, formed and directed by land, water, wildlife and cultural resource managers and interested public and private organizations. Federal, state, tribal, local government and non-governmental management organizations are all invited as partners in their development. Each LCC will be directed by a steering committee representing partners working in that region.

• LCC’s – what is their direction?
  o The Secretary’s Climate Change Response Council will promote collaboration among LCCs and develop mechanisms for data and information management, the setting of national priorities, and ensuring consistency and prevent duplication of effort among the national network of LCCs.

• From 523 DM 1, 12/20/12
  o (4) Consider climate change when developing or revising management plans, setting priorities for scientific research and assessments, and making major investment decisions
  o (9) Promote landscape-scale, ecosystem-based management approaches to enhance the resilience and sustainability of linked human and natural systems.
  o (7) Review and update existing decision making processes and management plans to allow the integration of the principles and values identified in this policy.
  o (8) Ensure full engagement with Landscape Conservation Cooperatives and Climate Science Centers by providing executive-level representation on the Steering Committee for each Landscape Conservation Cooperative and the Stakeholder Advisory Committee for each Climate Science Center, as appropriate.
4:00 p.m. Amanda Clark, NACo – Selection of Locations for 2014 & 2015 WIR Conferences

- 2014 – Anchorage, AK
- 2015 – Kauai, HI

4:15 p.m. Adjourn