WIR President, Commissioner Josi called the meeting to order, and welcomed the Board to Yellowstone County, MT. [8:34]

NACo President Elect Glen Whitley addressed the board on behalf of the executive committee. [8:35]

Commissioner Bill Kennedy welcomed the board to Yellowstone County, MT. [8:40]

Burrell Ellis addressed the board and discussed his candidacy for NACo 2nd Vice President. [8:43]

Commissioner Josi called the roll. Members present were: [8:51]

- Alaska:
  Honor. Jerome Selby, Kodiak Island Borough

- Arizona:

- California:
  Honor. Brian Dahle, Supervisor, Lassen County
  Honor. David Finigan, Supervisor, Del Norte County

- Colorado:
  Honor. John Martin, Garfield County

- Hawai'i:
  Honor. Dennis “Fresh” Onishi, Hawaii County

- Idaho:
  Honor. R. E. Cope, Commissioner, Lemhi County
  Honor. Lin Hintze, Commissioner, Custer County

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

- Nevada:
  Honor. Roger Mancebo, Commissioner, Pershing County

- New Mexico:
  Honor. Ron Brown, Sheriff, Sierra County

- North Dakota:
  Honor. Dale Patten, Commissioner, McKenzie County

- Oregon:
  Honor. Dan Shoun, Commissioner, Lake County
  Honor. Tim Josi, Commissioner, Tillamook County

- South Dakota:
  Honor. Clint Farlee, Commissioner, Ziebach County

- Utah:
  Honor. Alan Gardner, Commissioner, Washington County
  Honor. Lynn Stevens, Commissioner, San Juan County

- Washington:
  Honor. Ron Walter, Commissioner, Chelan County

- Wyoming:
  Honor. Doug Thompson, Commissioner, Fremont County
Ex officio board members, and staff present were: Mr. Chip Taylor, Colorado Counties Inc; Mr. Daniel Chadwick, Idaho Association of Counties; Ms. Kathie Wasserman, Alaska Municipal League, Mr. Eric Johnson, Washington State Association of Counties; Harold Blattie, Montana Association of Counties; Cindy Delancey & Joe Evans, Wyoming County Commissioners Association; Paul Gutierrez, New Mexico Association of Counties; Bob Wilcox, So. Dakota Association of County Commissioners. and Ryan Yates, NACo.

Financial Report: David Keen: [8:59]

No questions or comments

Approve financials (Gardner 1st; Stevens 2nd)

Presentation on tribal forest management – Tony Harwood, Confederated Salish Kootenai Tribe [9:05]

Goals of the CSKT include:

- Conduct project under framework and guidance of the Tribal Forest Protection Act 2003
- Maintain good relationships with USFS
- Protect Tribal Lands from wildland fire threats using appropriate silvicultural and fuel treatments
- Clean Logging Job with full product utilization
- Employment of Tribal Loggers
- Revenue for the Tribes
- Complete Project ASAP

State of Montana efforts include:

- Interagency Framework
- State/CSKT Fire Protection Agreement
- Land Management and Fire Planning
- Mutual Aid and Other Cooperative Agreements
- Interagency Rx Fire and Fuels Treatment Projects
- Training

County Efforts

- Lake, Sanders, Flathead and Missoula Counties
- Law Enforcement
- Cooperative Disaster and Emergency Services
- Lake County Fire Association
- Community Assistance
- CWPPs
- Lake County Fuels Program Funding & Support

Joe Giles discussed his candidacy for NACo 2nd Vice President [9:45]

Commissioner Paul Pearce gave a presentation on the Partnership for Rural America campaign [9:46]

- Immediate goals include efforts to include budget language in the FY 2012 Administrations budget proposal
- Will work closely with states to provide individualized grassroots materials for local advocacy efforts. Several states are completed to date.
- Resources can be found at www.partnershipforruralamerica.org

Randy Carpenter, Sonoran Institute gave a presentation on growth in western counties. [9:55]

Reducing the Impact of Future Growth

- Develop in town
• Design better rural subdivisions
• Land Developed at Rural Density: 150,000 Acres
• Land Developed at Town Density: 9,000 Acres

Drivers of Changing Demand
• Demographic Change
• Consumer Preference Change
• Increasing Energy Costs
• Environmental Concern

Retirees: Location Preference
• City or suburb close to a city: 51%
• Suburb away from a city 19%
• Rural community 30%

Conventional suburbs away from cities are the least desirable for this group. 42% to 59% of all households want “new urban” neighborhood characteristics.

Keys to Conservation Development
• Know what you’re saving/conserving
• Understand your target market/niche
• Use the 4-Step design approach
• Simple, complimentary set of amenities
• Understand the role of the open space

Jeff Faulkner, Executive Director, Western Lands Alliance [10:30]
Discussed implications of Equal Access to Justice Act (EAJA) on western lands, referenced western watersheds.
Discussed Administrations Americas Great Outdoors initiative and the Department of the Interior leaked memo on the massive land grab being developed by Secretary Salazar.

Commissioner Doug Thompson discussed problems with sage grouse habitat and the efforts WY counties have undertaken to work collaboratively on habitat restoration with the state and federal government. [11:45]

Associate Legislative Director Ryan R. Yates offered a legislative update on the following issues NACo is closely following:
1) Clean Water Restoration Act
2) Geothermal Revenue Sharing
3) Transportation Reauthorization Status
4) National Monument Status (potential use of antiquities act)
5) EPA Boiler Rule (open comment period)

WIR President, Commissioner Josi, adjourned the meeting. [11:37]