WIR President, Commissioner Mike Murray called the meeting to order and welcomed the Board to Lewis & Clark County, MT. [9:00]

Commissioner Murray Made Announcements [9:01]
- Sign-in sheets: Everyone sign in to help us with roll, as we will be taking the minutes, because NACo staff is unavailable. Members present:
  - Alaska:
    - Hon. Jerome Selby, Kodiak Island Borough Mayor
  - Arizona:
    - Hon. Mark Herrington, Commissioner, Graham County
  - California:
    - Hon. Brian Dahle, Supervisor, Lassen County
    - Hon. David Finigan, Supervisor, Del Norte County
  - Colorado:
    - Hon. Art Goodtimes, Commissioner, San Miguel County
    - Hon. John Martin, Commissioner, Garfield County
  - Hawaiʻi:
  - Idaho:
    - Hon. Gordon Cruickshank, Commissioner, Valley County
    - Hon. Robert E. Cope, Commissioner, Lemhi County
  - Montana:
    - Hon. Mike Murray, Commissioner, Lewis & Clark County
    - Hon. Lesley Robinson, Commissioner, Phillips County
  - Nevada:
    - Hon. Roger Mancebo, Commissioner, Pershing County
  - New Mexico:
  - North Dakota:
  - Oregon:
  - South Dakota:
    - Hon. Clinton Farlee, Commissioner, Ziebach County
  - Utah:
    - Hon. Alan Gardner, Commissioner, Washington County
    - Hon. Lynn Stevens, Commissioner, San Juan County
  - Washington:
    - Ron Walter, Commissioner, Chelan County
  - Wyoming:

Ex officio board members, and staff present were: Mr. Dan Chadwick, Idaho Association of Counties; Mr. Harold Blattie, Montana Association of Counties; Mr. Paul, Gutierrez, New Mexico Association of Counties; Mr. Mike McArthur, Association of Oregon Counties; Mr. Bob Wilcox, South Dakota Association of Counties; Mr. Brent Gardner, Utah Association of Counties; Mr. Mark Ward, Utah Association of Counties; and Mr. Ryan Yates, NACo (by conference call).

Additional persons present were: Ms. Sheryl Wood, Montana Association of Counties; Ms. Shantil Siaperas, Montana Association of Counties; Ms. Cynthia Moses Ned, BLM Liaison to NACo; Mr. Randy Phillips, USFS Liaison to NACo; and Mr. Dan Clark, MSU Local Government Center.
- Ryan Yates won’t be joining us in person, because he broke his ankle; he will be joining us by conference call.
Parking permits for the hotel are available; if needed, there are extras.

Tim Josi’s spouse passed away, Sunday, October 10, 2010, so Tim will not be joining us. We will be sending out a sympathy card.

- Mike McArthur gave a message from Tim Josi: Any money for flowers that would be sent, please instead donate to a scholarship fund at the community college where his wife worked. (Mike has the address).

Introduction of Dan Clark, MSU Local Government Center: Moderated Strategic Planning Session [9:03]

Ryan Yates checked into the meeting through a conference line and explained that it’s been a number of years—about 5 years—since a strategic planning session has been done. With the new execs and board members, it’s a good time to look at the functions, priorities, advocacies, etc. and better understand how to move forward.

MOTION: Approval of Minutes from Meeting in Washoe County, NV [9:05]
- Moved Mark Herrington, Second Brian Dahle
  - Motion Carried

Dan Clark, MSU Local Government Center: Moderated Strategic Planning Session (continued) [9:06]

- Processionary Caterpillars: Caterpillars that follow each other, nose to tail, up a pine tree and defoliate an entire pine tree. If put nose to tail in a circle, they will follow each other until their course changes. They are following their instinct, habit, custom and tradition, precedent, past experience, and standard practices. So we want to apply this to our session today: Are we Processionary Caterpillars, doing what has always been done because that’s part of our history and tradition, or are we doing what is relevant and most important?

- Proactive vs. Reactive: What do we really want to push/change (proactive); how do we minimize what impacts might affect us (reactive)? How do we change our structure to be more proactive as opposed to reactive?

- Strategic Planning Objectives (objectives on which the WIR would like to be proactive):
  - Review Association Mission
    - WIR mission statement review: As it stands, the WIR mission statement is reactive, so how can we make some adjustments to make it proactive?
  - Examine Association Purpose
    - WIR has many different points of views within the WIR, because it is made up of 15 different states all with different issues and complexities.
  - Evaluate Association Strategic Goals
  - 5 Year Strategic Agenda
  - 5 Year Work Plan

- Advocacy Priority Setting: Issues Facing the West (what do we focus on as an organization?) [9:49]
  - SRS Reauthorization
  - PILT Funding
  - Tribal Land (issues & relationships)
  - NESARC & ESA Reform
    - Ryan Yates and Robert E. Cope offered the following information:
      - Changes in Washington (change in focus)
      - No interest in majority to change ESA
      - Could move forward depending on outcome in November (balance of Congress)
      - Possibility of Presidential veto
      - Crapo – Farm Bill (compensation to land owners)
  - Water
  - Commerce
  - Wilderness/Special Designation
  - Proactive Land Management
- Energy (development or non-development and type/place/money)
- Immigration
- Roads (over public lands)
- Fuels and Vegetation Management (forest fuels & range management)
- Proactive Land Management
- Agency Relationships
- Transportation
- Infrastructure (transportation, telecommunication, utilities, etc)
- Public Safety/Law Enforcement
- Public Land Planning/Consistency
- Military Involvement (planning/safety)
- Growth
- Climate Change
- Air & Water Quality/Regulations
- Economic/Community Development
  - Robert E. Cope: We could organize these under the umbrella of the following major topics/headings.
    - Public Lands
    - Federal Funding for Counties
    - Intergovernmental Relations
    - Energy
  - Dan Clark: There are few things that I thought of last of last night that aren’t yet on the list.
    - In Migration/Out Migration
    - Education (Board agreed to group this under “Economic/Community Development”)
    - Healthcare (Board agreed to group this under “Infrastructure”)

- Review Foundational Documents (Vision/Mission/Bylaws) [10:25]
  - WIR Purpose: Does it still capture who we are, what we view, what we’re about, OR does it need to be updated?
  - Article 2. Purpose
    - CURRENT: Section 1. The purposes for which this Association is formed include, but are not limited to, the following: The promotion of a clearer understanding of mutual problems among all county officials of the fifteen Western states and their fellow officials throughout the nation as well; the provision of a single source of information concerning county government in the Western region, which shall be available to the National Association of Counties, the Federal Congress, to all county officials, and to any other proper person or organization; and in general to seek better county government thought the West and the nation as a whole.
    - SUGGESTED ADJUSTMENTS: Section 1. The purposes for which this Association is formed include, but are not limited to, the following: The promotion of a clearer understanding of mutual problems among all county officials of the fifteen Western states and their fellow officials throughout the nation as well; the provision of a single source of information concerning county government in the Western region, which shall be available to the National Association of Counties, the Federal Congress, AND FEDERAL AGENCIES, to all county officials, and to any other proper person or organization; and in general to seek better county government thought the West and the nation as a whole.

BREAK [10:40]

RECONVENED [10:59]

- Continued: Review Foundational Documents (Vision/Mission/Bylaws) [10:59]
We will continue with the next segment that Ryan wanted to review today, which is Article 5. Meetings.

- There are currently four meetings a year:
  - Annual Meeting, in May
  - NACo Annual Conference, in July
  - Fall Board of Directors Meeting, in October
  - NACo Legislative Conference, in March

- Is each of the meetings critical/important?
  - Group Reactions
    - The May meeting is essential because it’s with a much larger group, and the October meeting is strictly for the WIR board.
    - The fall board meeting is important; it’s the association’s “me” time, when the plans are set in motion.
    - We should also use this time [fall meeting] to review the mission, purpose, etc.
    - Cut back the number of speakers outside of this organization.

- **SUGGESTED ADJUSTMENTS:** These meetings are needed; leave as is.

- Strategic Goals
  - **Goal #1**
    - **CURRENT:** Actively Promote Responsible Land Management and Environmental Policies for the West.
    - **SUGGESTED ADJUSTMENTS:** Actively Promote Responsible Land Management and Environmental Policies for the West. **ENCOURAGE COLLABORATIVE EFFORTS TOWARD ACTIVE PUBLIC LAND MANAGEMENT.**
      - Discussion ensued about keeping Goal #1 and its corresponding bullets.
      - **ADDITIONAL SUGGESTION:** Dan Chadwick—Strike Goal #1 and renumber #2, #3, & #4
      - **There was a vote, and the suggestion passed unanimously.**
  - **Goal #2 (Now referred to as “Goal #1”)**
    - **CURRENT:** Actively pursue equitable payment for county expenses associated with public lands not subject to tax.
    - **SUGGESTED ADJUSTMENTS:** Actively pursue equitable payment, **OR OTHER MITIGATION EFFORTS TO COUNTIES** for county expenses **THE COSTS** associated with public **FEDERALLY ADMINISTERED** lands not subject to tax AND LOSS OF ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY.
  - **Goal #3 (Now referred to as “Goal #2”)**
    - **CURRENT:** Sustain the Western quality of life.
    - **SUGGESTED ADJUSTMENTS:** Change the word “Protect” in the 4th and 6th bullets to the word “Enhance.”
  - **Goal #4 (Now referred to as “Goal #3”)**
    - **CURRENT:** Actively promote county officials as "conveners."
    - **SUGGESTED ADJUSTMENTS:** None; Okay as is.

**BREAK FOR LUNCH [12:00]**

**RECONVENED [1:05]**
Harold presented the Montana Public Lands Book, Version 2—MACo’s most recent version, made in cooperation with the MSU Local Government Center—and gave directions and details about the dinner that would be hosted that evening, as well as took a count for attendance to the dinner. [1:05]

Speaker – Montana Perspective on National Monument Designations, Lesley Robinson, Commissioner, Phillips County, MT [1:07]
- Phillips County is one of the counties that could be made part of a 2.5 million acre national monument/possible bison range.
- Phillips County invited National BLM Director, Robert Abbey, to attend a meeting in Malta on September 16, 2010.
• Close to 2000 people attended; there were 5300 web listeners.
• Various Comments from Director Abbey’s:
  o There is no proposal for a national monument in Montana. The concept paper has some ideas that
    have not been vetted; Director Abbey is the principal author on the document.
  o There is no plan or proposal for a monument, but Director Abbey cannot make any promises as to
    what will happen in the future relative to the designation of these areas.
  o Secretary Salazar and Director Abbey are committed to not doing anything and not recommending
    any decisions to anyone without making sure that they have an opportunity to gain the public
    wisdom/input.
• There is still concern by the county, because they experienced a situation similar to this with the Upper
  Missouri River Breaks.
• Discussion
  o Mike McArthur: Are environmental groups pushing?
  o Lesley Robinson: World Wildlife Foundation/American Prairie Foundation
  o Ryan Yates: This particular issue is a perfect example of the “western issue” that we can connect
    to; the threat continues to linger and devastate regions and sections of the west. This is a prime
    example of a way that the western counties can work together to solve a problem. The WIR’s
    perspective, and what they’ve done so far, is working with friends in Congress on legislation to
    modify the Antiquities Act to protect against abuse of this kind of executive power in the future.
    There is lingering uncertainty of whether it will be acted on or not. There is opportunity next
    congress to move this sort of legislation forward.
  o Brent Gardner: What is NACo’s policy/position on the Antiquities Act, and has it been
    communicated to Director Abbey in writing?
  o Ryan Yates: I haven’t sent a letter to Director Abbey on this specific issue, but I’d be happy to.
    The communication thus far has been about HR 5580.
• MOTION: Indicate, in writing, to Secretary Salazar and Director Abbey about NACo’s position and
  policy on use of the Antiquities Act.
  o Moved Alan Gardner, Second Lynn Stevens
  ▪ Motion Carried

Speaker – Kathleen Clarke, Deputy Commissioner, Utah Department of Agriculture and Food [1:20]
Kathleen Clarke gave a PowerPoint presentation regarding how new priorities and initiatives may affect the
management of public lands.
• Federal Government Controls 50% of Western Public Lands
• Early Actions
  o Seventy-seven federal oil and gas leases were suspended by Secretary Salazar.
  o Warranted but Precluded ESA designation for the Sage Grouse
  o Many Land Use Plans challenged in court
  o Concept of “Treasured Lands” is first introduced: A well-managed system of treasured and
    protected lands.
• Internal Draft Document Not Intended for Release
  o Long-term vision and strategy for conservation of “Treasured Landscapes”
  o “Of the 264 million acres under BLM management, 130-140 million acres are worthy of
    consideration as treasured lands.”
• Reflects a Long-Term Strategy That Started With the Creation of the “National Landscape
  Conservation System”
  o Created under Secretary Babbitt—GSENM in 1996
  o Antiquities Act used to create new Monuments
  o 27 million acres comprised of National Monuments & Conservation Areas, WSA’s Wild and
    Scenic Areas, Outstanding Natural Areas, Scenic and Historic Trails
  o Codified in 2007
• The Summit
  o National Landscape Conservation System (NLCS) Summit, to be held in Las Vegas, Nevada,
    November 15-18, 2010 (by invite only)
  o The purpose of the Summit: To develop a ten year plan to build NLCS
The Wilderness Society: “This new conservation system should be of paramount importance. Our vision for the Conservation System ensures that all lands and waters within the Conservation System are guaranteed” protection and restoration.

- BLM Eco-Regional Assessments
  - No NEPA will be done. No decisions will be made.
  - “Will fundamentally transform the way BLM does business.”
  - Purpose: To conserve native plants, wildlife, and fish communities and other ecosystem services.

- Landscape Conservation Cooperatives & Climate
  - LCC’s are self-directed public-private cooperatives formulated to apply conservation science at the landscape scale.
  - Original concept was developed by Fish & Wildlife Services.
  - Part of the intent is to “address climate change and shift management to a landscape approach.”

- America’s Great Outdoors White House Initiative
  - Listening sessions are being held throughout the nation.
  - The initiative is intended “to develop and a conservation agenda worthy of the 21st Century.”
  - “Share ideas about how to conserve our lands, waterways, historical, and cultural resources.
  - Fulfills the mandate for public involvement.

- The Future of Public Land Management
  - Greater linkage and cooperation among all DOI agencies
  - Interagency, interdisciplinary approach to eco-system management at scale
  - Development of regional management plans, strategies, and actions
  - High potential for new organizational structure in BLM and DOI
  - Increased emphasis on conservation rather than use

- Going Forward
  - Pay attention; be aware; be involved.
  - Be good stewards of the land. Do the right thing right.
  - Engage partners; be the solution to the other guy’s problem.
  - Know your agency representatives; work with them; make them your allies.
  - Follow the money; work with your delegation.
  - Organize yourselves; be strategic; think long-range.
  - Don’t put all of your eggs in a single basket. Employ judicial, legislative, and political strategies to address problems.

Speaker – Kent Briggs, Executive Director, CSG West, Update on Western State Legislatures [1:54]
Kent Briggs gave an update on CSG West’s work with Western Legislatures. In the west, water and who owns it appear to be issues in all states. Mr. Briggs spoke about his organization which is governed by legislators from the western states.

- Provided and Discussed a Folder of Documents
  - Chart about the Western Political Leaders’ Association
    - Discussion about updating this leadership
    - It is a goal to have the leaders of all these organizations get together and have a conversation about the west.
  - Press Release about Dan Otter’s desire to unite the west
  - Letter from Pam Inmann on some items in which she would like to collaborate
  - Recognition of Washington D.C. office
    - Going to crank up the Apple Resolution, as the disparity of public lands versus private lands grows in the west.
      - Adopted 8 or 9 years ago by CSG West.
      - Representative Roger Barrus, Utah, Chairman of the National Resources Committee, going to give it another run.
  - The Year in Review: Summarizes 2009 (there is new booklet/program coming out)
    - They are engaged across the board, but understand the importance of working collaboratively with their partners.
    - Annual Meeting for Sun Valley
    - Boarder Legislative Conference
- Organized about 10 years ago by a committee on the southern border that got some attention and was therefore upsized.
  - Brought together legislators from 4 US states and 6 Mexican states to talk about border issues (has expanded since to include other things, such as the situation in Mexico right now, which is very similar to what is happening in Iraq).

- North American Summit
  - Engagement with principal players from Canada & Mexico: Work on collaborative solutions at the local, state, and federal levels.

- Discussion
  - Robert E. Cope: The Apple Initiative is similar to SRS, but it’s public land based, similar to PILT, instead of forest payments—effort to help out/better fund the school systems—could end up establishing more funding for more rural education and not for the counties. [The Apple Initiative seeks reimbursement of lost revenues or action by the federal government to trade out non-wilderness lands for state gain.]
  - Kent Briggs: Maybe we can get together with you and Roger [Barrus].

Speaker – Ruby Pipeline Issue, Bill Cox, Commissioner from Rich County, Utah [2:13]
Bill Cox provided a report on the Ruby Pipeline issue. Following the report, the Board requested that a letter be written to the BLM, requesting they use their legislative authority to reconsider its Record of Decision on the Ruby Pipeline EIS.

- 680 miles long and crosses 9 counties
- Going to cost about $3 billion
- It will flow 1.5 billion cubic feet of gas per day.
- In the process of getting the permit with FERC and BLM, there were several environmental protests planned, particularly by Western Watershed and Oregon Natural Desert Association.
- Ruby Pipeline, a subsidiary of El Paso Gas, is in negotiations with these entities, and in these negotiations, the associations are being asked to withdraw their protests; they agreed to pay $15 million to Western Watershed and $7 million to Oregon Natural Desert Association.
- There are confidential contracts—at least for Western Watershed—for these payments, which come with 3 things they can do.
  - Buy conservation easements
  - Buy base land
  - Retire BLM grazing permits on federal lands
- Formed coalition of counties – 4 states
  - Lincoln County filed an appeal.
  - El Paso Gas Company refuses to discuss.
  - They are not willing to work with local government.
  - BLM stated that there were no adverse affects to grazing by this pipeline.
  - Timeline: Record of Decision was issued, July 1; Western Watershed withdrew protest, July 16; Letter given to Ruby Watershed, July 20; Letter was approved to get started, July 30.
- I’m here today to tell you that this issue will affect all BLM grazing and lifestyle in the west will change.

- Discussion
  - Mark Ward: Violates 10th Circuit Taylor Grazing Act; BLM has an obligation to step back and step away from the EIS and Record of Decision (ROD); it goes against spirit of NEPA.
  - Bill Cox: They have to have gas by March 31 or $100k fine a day to Rocky Mountain Power.

- MOTION: WIR write letter to BLM requesting they use their legal authority to reconsider its ROD on the Ruby Pipeline EIS.
  - Moved Lynn Stevens, Second Alan Gardner

- Discussion
  - Ryan Yates: Requests flexibility for staff to have time to do research.
  - Mike Murray: On the first Monday of the month, WIR and Public Lands have a conference call. If you’re agreeable, and this is outside of the motion, that could be an issue for the conference call. This would give staff the time to do the research, and we
can broadcast the conference call number—if that’s what the WIR board wants—so you folks can listen to the conference call.

- **SUBSTITUTE MOTION:** Instruct staff to proceed with the best possible way to aide Lincoln County in their efforts to review the Record of Decision (ROD) on the El Paso Pipeline.
  - Moved Robert E. Cope, Second Brent Gardner
    - Discussion
      - Dan Chadwick: Would like to see decision before taking action; would like the document to be presented to Board before motion.
      - Brent Gardner: Ryan gets the document out to everyone via email, have a conference call to formulate the letter, and then make decision.
  - **Motion Carried**

**Presentation – Wildland Fire Cohesive Strategy Report to Congress (Ryan Yates) [2:51]**
Ryan Yates gave an update on the Wildland Fire Cohesive Strategy Report to Congress.

- Wildland Fire Leadership Council
  - Created during Bush Administration
  - Develop 10 year strategy
  - Collaborative (federal, state, and local levels)
  - League of Cities is now involved
  - Cohesive Strategy Oversight Committee

- Flame Act: 3 Primary Factors Identified as Greatest Challenges
  - Restoring and maintaining resilient landscapes
  - Create fire adaptive communities
  - Fire Response: Full spectrum of fire management activities – Collaboratively develop methodology to move forward

- 3 Phases
  - Phase 1: National Framework – Challenges, goals, guidance
  - Phase 2: Identify Local & Regional Solutions – Using science-based risk assessment
  - Phase 3: Implementation – Pull together local and regional solutions

- Phase 1 Framework Report Document in Office of Management (OMB) and Budget
  - 30 days to approve
  - Possible White House changes
  - Requested expedited OMB approval

  Will need a western region makeup; Ryan will be looking for volunteers to do this.

**Legislative Update – Outlook (Ryan Yates) [3:15]**
Ryan Yates gave an update on pending legislation.

- Working with Congressman Bishop on SRS (could be a key ally for WIR)
- Recognition that there will be new opportunities in the new congress
  - Develop an arsenal of ideas for land management and payments

- SRS: Working to secure a place in president’s 2012 budget proposal to congress
  - Many meetings at the White House, one of them being with OMB, which was positive
  - Working on language and moving forward with legislation
  - Tweaks to Titles 2 and 3

- PILT: Need to find a PILT champion in the House and Senate, on which to drop a bill (biggest supporters are up for difficult elections)
  - Tweaks to PILT: Anything can happen.
  - Problem with a number of counties receiving lower payments this year due to the formula

**RS2477 Update – Brent Gardner, Utah Association of Counties [3:30]**

- Lawsuit involving a Utah county – BLM agreed to settle
- Talking with various parties on how to resolve on a mass basis rather than one road at a time
- Mark Ward – Rep – Met with groups and BLM
  - Proposal – Iron County – Uses topo maps
    - prior to 1776: 88% (1,850 road miles) appear
    - not prior to 1976: 12% (270+ road miles) appear

Randy Phillips and Cynthia Moses-Nedd gave brief reports from their agencies: Forest Service and BLM. There was some discussion about the red dead trees in the forest and some hope the bugs have eaten their way through our forests.

- DOI/BLM – Cynthia Moses-Nedd
  - Malta Meeting – Director Abbey – Good meeting
    - May happen in other areas.
  - NICS Summit
    - Opportunity to engage – November 15-16
    - Provide Input – Constructive input on how monuments and public lands are managed in the future
  - Number of renewable energy projects are in the works (a few are listed below)
    - Solar Project – Nevada – First large-scale solar energy project on Public Lands – 50 megawatts of solar energy
    - 3 Solar Projects in CA – 1100 megawatts of solar energy (357,000 homes)
    - 130 turbine wind projects on the east coast

- USDA/Forest Service – Randy Phillips
  - They’ve been looking into Natural Forest Energy capabilities: biomass, geothermal, solar, wind, hydro.
  - In the last 5 years, they were given $26 Million in biomass grants.
    - Some of money goes to “Fuels for Schools” program
    - Equipment to improve efficiency of generators
  - Working on biomass fuels
  - Hydro – In-stream power generators – No dams needed
  - Geothermal – Huge potential, pending leases
    - Estimate that with the existing plants, 1.6 million homes supplied with energy
  - In the past, forest logging roads have been exempt (storm runoff)—Clean Water Act – 9th Circuit Court disagreed on August 17th.
    - Unsure of the impact – May be appealed
  - BLM and Forest Service provided a grant to NACo – Develop methodologies for implementation of wildfire protection plans.
  - Looking for other areas for grants
    - Improve leadership skills and collaborate efforts at local level (with local and federal officials)

Old Business [4:06]

- Approve Financials
  - The Board reviewed the financial statements and the proposed 2011 budget. There were concerns about a proposed assessment to replenish the funding of the Public Lands Trust, due to the amount and the timing with Association budgets. The Board directed staff to send the invoices for the 2011 assessment and notify Associations of the 2012 assessment by March 2011 for budgeting purposes.
  - MOTION: Approve budget as presented.
    - Moved Jerome Selby, Second Robert E. Cope
    - Discussion
      - Common Question: Why is it down?
• Answer: Dues Reduction
• Ryan Yates: There has been no assessment in the last 2 years—will go out—maintain W75k in Trust.
• Question: Harold Blattie: When?
• Ryan Yates: December or January
• Dan Chadwick: Concerned with time and amount as the budgets have already been set
• Alan Gardner: Going to have some new congress in need of education
• Dan Chadwick: We’re at 65k at the end of the year, so the backfill would be about 11k by 12/31 to be back up to 75k. In October of next year we’ll have to backfill again plus put a little more in to make it healthier.
  o SUBSTITUTE MOTION: Move to amend my original motion, to direct staff to send out billing for a 2011 Assessment for $11k and notify folks that there will be a 2012 assessment for the correct amount calculated that would be sent out in March of 2011.
  ▪ Moved Jerome Selby, Second Alan Gardner
  • Motion Carried
• WIR Financial Contributions
  o MOTION: Approve financials as presented.
  ▪ Moved Robert E. Cope, Second Brian Dahle
  • Motion Carried
  o Ryan Yates asked Chairman, Mike Murray, if they could do one more thing in terms of financials.
    ▪ Reaffirm 2010 contributions to Forest Counties Schools Coalition (5k), NESARC Coalition (5k)?
    ▪ Reaffirm contributions to these two partners; is there discussion on the amounts; are there questions of on our efforts in how the contributions were offered to campaign for SRS?
  o MOTION: Move to authorize 5k to go to the campaign and authorize 5k to NESARC.
  ▪ Moved Brian Dahle, Second Jerome Selby
  • Motion Carried
• Policy on Board Retreat, Harold Blattie, Montana Association of Counties
  o Not complaining, but would like to bring this up for discussion
  o Costs – NACo, WIR, and Host County pays for in connection with the WIR meetings
  o In the case of the board retreat, we used to meet for 1.5 or 2 days
    ▪ Field trips have grown to a full day
    ▪ Shifted cost to state association, which formerly had been paid for by WIR
    ▪ Shortens management time
    ▪ Difficult to clarify who is planning and who is paying
  o Suggest that WIR—like the NCCAE—have a written Meeting Policy (that includes travel) for meeting expenses to decide who pays for what
  o Brent Gardner & Brian Dahle – Harold to write it and submit it to Ryan (bring in March)

Board Member Issues – New Business [4:30]
• NEDC vs. Brown, Mike McArthur, Association of Oregon Counties
  o NEDC sues Oregon State Department of Forestry over runoff from logging roads in Oregon State Forest
  o Put to the counties to put culverts in
  o What is going to be the financial impact to state if this stands?
  o So they asked their Road Department, “How many culverts will be needed on logging roads?”
  o Legislative change – Need exemption
  o Possible resolution for March meeting
• Allan Gardner
  o Permitting – Army Corps – New permitting process
    ▪ Effective November 1 – Retro 1 year
    ▪ Getting around waters of US – rulemaking
• Robert E. Cope
  o Same thing – EPA pesticides
- Just for informational purposes, I’ve been appointed to EPA’s Local Government Advisory Committee.
  - Regional Rep – Email me for anything you want brought up at the board meeting in December.
- Mike Murray is invited to the December board meeting also.
- Roger Mancebo
  - This is my last meeting; I’m termed. I’ve had a great time, and I’ll miss it; this is a great board that does many good things.
  - Group: Thanks for your service!

Adjourn Board Meeting [4:37]

The next meeting will be May 18-20, 2011 in Chelan County, Wenatchee, Washington.