

U.P. RC&D Council Minutes
UP RC&D Council Annual Meeting – December 4, 2015

Board Members Present: Bill Rice-Dickinson CD, Ally Dale-Marquette CD, Jen Ricker-Iron CD, Howard Haulotte-Delta CD, and Darcy Rutkowski-UP RC&D Council Executive Director

Others Present: Renee Leow-Marquette CD, Teri Grout-Alger CD, Ann Hruska-Dickinson CD, Kristina Denison-Chippewa Luce Mackinac CD, Rudy Johnson-Chippewa County Bd of Commissioners, Jason Hayes-NRCS, and Quinn Collins-UPRCO AmeriCorps member

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 10:05 am by Chairman Bill Rice.

Approval of Agenda: Haulotte made a motion to accept the agenda, Ricker seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Public Comment: Renee Leow commented that UPRCO is doing great things.

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: Motion by Ricker to approve the minutes of the meeting of October 16, 2015, seconded by Dale. Motion passed.

Financial Reports: The Executive Director (ED) presented the Balance Sheet for November 30, 2015 and the Profit and Loss statement for the period January 1 through November 30, 2015. The combined balance in all accounts as of November 30, 2015 was \$23,636.72. The Profit and Loss Statement for the period January 1, 2012 through November 30, 2015 was also presented to provide a broader view of Council finances. A motion was made by Dale, seconded by Ricker to place the financial reports on file. Motion passed.

Business Items:

Board Member Elections: Prior to these elections the current UP RC&D board members and their terms are as follows:

Terms Expiring Dec. 2015: Howard Haulotte, Ally Dale, one vacant position

Terms Expiring Dec. 2016: Jen Ricker, 2 vacant positions

Terms Expiring Dec. 2017: Bill Rice, 2 vacant positions

Chairman Rice opened nominations for board positions and Ricker nominated the following slate of candidates, and these nominations were seconded by Ally Dale:

3 year term (expiring Dec. 2018) - Howard Haulotte

2 year term (expiring Dec. 2017) – Kristina Denison

1 year term (expiring Dec. 2016) – Ally Dale and Rudy Johnson

Chairman Rice asked two more times if there were any additional nominations and there were none. Rice asked for a vote of all those in favor of electing the above slate of candidates, and there was unanimous support. Motion passed. Since bylaws state that there be at least 7 members, but there were no additional members present who were willing to run for office, it was noted that the chairperson has the authority to appoint a seventh member when a willing candidate becomes available.

Set 2016 Meeting Dates: Tentative meeting dates for 2016 are March 4, June 3, September 9, and December 2. These dates will be posted on the Council website.

FY2016 Draft Budget: Ex. Director presented the 2016 unrestricted finances draft budget (did not include any grant project income and expenses. Ricker made a motion to approve the FY2016 unrestricted budget which was seconded by Haulotte. Motion passed.

2016 AmeriCorps Member: ED reported that 2015 AmeriCorps member Quinn Collins' service term ended on November 6, 2015, and his service has been invaluable to UPRCO. Quinn is now working as an employee until the end of the year. Our new AmeriCorps member, Casey Ford, will begin her service on January 11, 2016.

Update on Grant Awards & Grant-funded Projects: ED provided a summary of some of the most important grant-funded project activities.

Correspondence: None.

Adjournment: Dale made a motion to adjourn at 11:18 am, seconded by Haulotte. Motion passed.

Future 2016 Meeting Dates: March 4 (teleconference), June 3 (UP RC&D office), Sept 9 (teleconference), December 2 (UP RC&D office) at 10 am Eastern time.