

NEWARN minutes from Tuesday, March 20, 2012

The NEWARN meeting was held Tuesday; March 20, 2012 at 3:30 p.m. at Grand Island, Ne.

Present were Doug Pollack, Ken Swanson, Rick Melcher, Chuck Schmid, Don Christen, Jim Green, Harold Reynolds, Bob Smith, Rob Pierce, Dennis Watts, Allan Boyd, Cope Clark

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Rick Melcher.

There was a motion to adopt the agenda by Jim Green, seconded by Don Christen, Motion carried.

Motion made by Ken Swanson, seconded by Allan Boyd to except previous minutes. Motion carried.

Treasurer's report was given by Chuck Schmid. Current balance was \$1940.05 Have a bill for the Newsletter Flyers for \$ 727.86, going to submit to AWWA for payment. Also approved to pay \$300.00 bill to B-Pro. Motion made by Don Christen, second by Jim Green.

Newsletter- The board was happy with the final newsletter. Discussed how to get Town to Town stories of helping each other out into the newsletter. Deadline for next newsletter is March 1, 2013.

Web site- Discussed how to get more sponsors for the web site. Also discussed on how to add NEWARN web site address on to other organizations web sites, Examples such as AWWA, Rural Water, MAP and so on.

The NEWARN Presentation at the LNM conference went well. Rick Melcher and Dennis Watts presented. Going to try to have more frequently asked questions and answers available for next presentation.

Also discussed liability insurance for the NEWARN board. Rob Pierce was sure that insurance was not needed. Rob will be talking to Lash Chaffin. The NEWARN board decided to take this off the agenda for awhile.

Committees were assigned as follows:

1. Presentation Committee is Rick Melcher, Dennis Watts, Jim Green
2. Newsletter Committee is Allan Boyd, Ken Swanson, with involvement by Kristin Luebbe
3. Grant & Finance Committee is Chuck Schmid, Cope Clark
4. NEWARN Sponsorship Committee is Don Christen, Doug Pollack
5. NEWARN Agreement Review & Communication Committee is Dennis Watts, Bob Smith

NEWARN Board terms were tabled.

Election of officers was held, Chairman is Rick Melcher, Vice Chairman is Dennis Watts, Treasurer is Chuck Schmid, Secretary is Ken Swanson.

Discussion was held on the Insurance and Indemnification within NEWARN. THE BOARD HAS REVIEWED THE POLICY AND WE HAVE NO PROBLEMS WITH OUR CURRENT POLICY. ALL OF THE COMMUNITIES HAVE REVIEWED THE NEWARN POLICY AND HAVE AGREED WITH THE TERMS.

Next NEWARN Meeting will be held at LNM Utility office in Lincoln on June 28<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m.

Motion to adjourn the meeting by Chuck Schmid, second by Jim Green. Motion Carried.