Board of Directors Meeting
April 18-19, 2012
Swaner Preserve and EcoCenter – first classroom
Park City, Utah

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 18, 2012

7:00 a.m.  Breakfast - Breakfast will be served in the meeting room.

8:00  Welcome and Introductions – Noelle Cockett
• Approval of Minutes (Dec. 2011)

8:30  Review of WRDC Accomplishments and Discussion of 2012 Activities

PRIORITY ONE: PEOPLE-BASED RURAL DEVELOPMENT
• 2011 Accomplishments (PowerPoint slides)
  o Regional Data Briefs – 2010 Census Data
  o WERA 2011 Meeting and grant proposals
  o Western CDES Convening
  o Enhancing Rural Capacity – CoP
  o Rural Connections
• 2012 Proposed Initiatives (Pages 2-4, Plan of Work FY 2012)
  o WERA – Publications Series
  o CDES Convening
  o Enhancing Rural Capacity – CoP
  o Building Extension’s Public Value Workshop
  o Rural Connections
  o Other proposed activities?

9:30  Mid-morning Refreshment Break

9:45  PRIORITY TWO: PLACE-BASED RURAL DEVELOPMENT
• 2011 Accomplishments (PowerPoint slides)
  o SET – Regional Economic Development Opportunities
  o ReadyCommunity – Building Disaster Resilient Places
• 2012 Proposed Initiatives (Pages 5-7, Plan of Work FY 2012)
  o Regional Rural Development Policy Research Center
  o Regional and National Broadband Education and Adoption
  o Community Business Matching Model
  o SET Regional Economic Development – Phase III
  o ReadyCommunity – Building Disaster Resilient Places
  o Other proposed activities?
10:45 a.m. PRIORITY THREE: SUSTAINABLE NATURAL RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

- 2011 Accomplishments (PowerPoint slides)
  - Consortium for Renewable Energy in the West
  - Sustainable Agriculture/Community Development Grant Program
- 2012 Proposed Initiatives (Pages 8-9, Plan of Work FY 2012)
  - 2012 National Climate Assessment Report
  - Consortium for Renewable Energy in the West (CREW)
  - E3A Toolkit Training for Extension Educators
  - Conference – Socioeconomic Impacts of Renewable Energy Development in the West
  - Other proposed activities?

11:45 Break

12:00 p.m. Challenges in Rural Education
Ronda Menlove, Vice Provost, Utah State University and Utah Legislator

12:30 Strategy-Building Lunch – Good Thymes (within walking distance)

2:00 Swancer Preserve and EcoCenter Guided Nature Tour (weather permitting)
Shirl McMayon, Event & Facility Coordinator, Horticulturist and Arborist

3:00 Mid-afternoon Refreshment Break

3:15 REGIONAL SUPPORT AND CAPACITY-BUILDING ACTIVITIES

- 2011 Accomplishments (PowerPoint slides)
  - Regional Rural Development Centers
  - Invited participant – Rural Wealth Creation & Livelihoods
  - Utah State University Student Intern
- 2012 Proposed Initiatives (Pages 10-11, Plan of Work FY 2012)
  - Board of Directors
  - Regional Rural Development Centers
  - Regional Land-Grant Institutions
  - Regional State and Local Governments
  - National Associations and Networks
  - Partnership Development
  - Other proposed activities?

4:00 Summarize Plan of Work Discussions

- PRIORITY ONE: PEOPLE-BASED RURAL DEVELOPMENT
- PRIORITY TWO: PLACE-BASED RURAL DEVELOPMENT
- PRIORITY THREE: SUSTAINABLE NATURAL RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
- REGIONAL & CAPACITY-BUILDING ACTIVITIES

4:30 Adjourn for the Day

5:30 Annual Board Dinner – Riverhorse on Main
Meet in the hotel lobby at 5:15 p.m. We will carpool to the restaurant.
7:00 a.m.  Breakfast
Breakfast will be served in the meeting room.

8:00  Welcome to Day Two!
Brief Recap of Plan of Work Discussions from Day One

8:10  FY 2012 Budget & Discussion

8:45  Board Vote
• Plan of Work FY 2012
• Budget FY 2012

9:00  Board Business  *(Page 10, Operating Policies)*
• Update from Nominations Committee Chair Mike Harrington
• Board Committee Assignments (PowerPoint slide)
  o Executive Committee
    o Sonny Ramaswamy’s replacement
  o Nominations Committee
    o Motion to approve Benita’s three-year extension
  o Funding Committee
    o Dan Dooley’s replacement

9:30  Mid-morning Refreshment Break

10:00  Celebrating 150 Years: The History of the Morrill Act of 1862
F. Ross Peterson, Utah State University History Professor and Author

10:45  NIFA Update
Brent Elrod, National Program Leader, NIFA

11:15  Emerging Issues and Opportunities in the West

12:00 p.m.  Adjourn the 2012 WRDC Board of Directors Meeting
Boxed lunches will be provided.

12:30  Working Lunch – Executive Committee Meeting *(at the discretion of the Executive Committee)*
• Noelle Cockett
• Lou Swanson
• Sheldon Jones
• Benita Litson