

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)
 - Regional Data Briefs – 2010 Census Data
 - WERA 2011 Meeting and grant proposals
 - Western CDES Convening
 - Enhancing Rural Capacity – CoP
 - *Rural Connections*
 - 2012 Proposed Initiatives (Pages 2-4, Plan of Work FY 2012)
 - *WERA – Publications Series*
 - *CDES Convening*
 - *Enhancing Rural Capacity – CoP*
 - *Building Extension’s Public Value Workshop*
 - *Rural Connections*
 - *Other proposed activities?*
- 9:30** **Mid-morning Refreshment Break**
- 9:45** **PRIORITY TWO: PLACE-BASED RURAL DEVELOPMENT**
- 2011 Accomplishments (PowerPoint slides)
 - SET – Regional Economic Development Opportunities
 - ReadyCommunity – Building Disaster Resilient Places
 - 2012 Proposed Initiatives (Pages 5-7, Plan of Work FY 2012)
 - *Regional Rural Development Policy Research Center*
 - *Regional and National Broadband Education and Adoption*
 - *Community Business Matching Model*
 - *SET Regional Economic Development – Phase III*
 - *ReadyCommunity – Building Disaster Resilient Places*
 - *Other proposed activities?*

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 18, 2012 (continued)

- 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** **Swaner 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.

THURSDAY, APRIL 19, 2012

- 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)
 - Executive Committee
 - Sonny Ramaswamy's replacement
 - Nominations Committee
 - Motion to approve Benita's three-year extension
 - Funding Committee
 - 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