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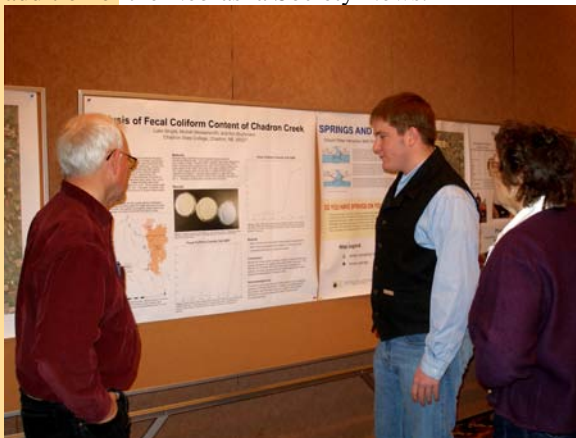
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ALL STATES REPRESENTED AT THE 2010 NORTHERN PLAINS REGIONAL MEETING HELD IN CHADRON, NE MARCH 18 - 20TH, 2010.

The Northern Plains Regional SWCS Workshop was held in Chadron, Nebraska March 18 – 20, 2010. SWCS members representing Nebraska, Colorado, South Dakota, North Dakota, Wyoming, and Montana met on the Chadron State College campus to gather information on topics including pollinator habitat, the 2006 wildfires near Chadron, watershed assessment projects, biofuels, and the history the settlement of the Chadron area. The group also toured Chadron State College’s boiler system, geology museum, and sod grass test plots. More information about the meeting will be included in the next addition of the Nebraska Society News.



Nebraska SWCS members Darwin Hinrichs and Anita Nein discussing a watershed assessment project with Chadron State College student Austin Horn.



SWCS members on a tour of Chadron State College’s boiler system which uses wood chips, water, and steam to heat and cool the campus.



North Dakota SWCS member Richard Webb, Colorado SWCS member Mike Collins, and Wyoming SWCS member Nick Biltoft at the 2010 Northern Plains Regional Meeting.



Robin Foulk was presented with a hand carved walking cane for the hard work put into organizing a great Northern Plains Regional meeting.

Nebraska SWCS Seeking 2010/2011 Officers and Directors

Wally Valasek – Nominations Committee

Nebraska SWCS is in need of members to fill both officer and director positions for 2010/2011. The officer positions that need to be filled are the vice-president and secretary. These are one year terms and the vice-president will move on to the presidency the following year.



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Two director positions, which are three year terms, will expire this year. The two vacancies are in the Northeast and Sandhills sections. Directors for these positions need to reside in the respective section.

If anyone is interested in these positions or would like to nominate someone, please contact Wally Valasek. Thank you for your consideration.

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ANNUAL MEETING SILENT AUCTION Darwin Hinrichs – President

The Nebraska SWCS Annual Meeting will be held at Ponca State Park near Ponca, Nebraska June 7 – 9, 2010. Please consider bringing silent auction items for the upcoming meeting. The proceeds generated from the auction help fund the scholarships SWCS awards each year. Please let Darwin Hinrichs know what items will be donated for the event. Past items have included pictures, birdhouses, crafts, wine baskets, and books. Darwin can be reached at 308-334-5292 extension 3 or darwin.hinrichs@ne.usda.gov.

REJUVENATING SWCS CHAPTERS Darwin Hinrichs – President

Rejuvenating chapters was a topic at the 2010 SWCS Northern Plains Regional meeting in Chadron. This issue is a concern with most states in the Northern Plains region. Richard Webb with the North Dakota SWCS chapter gave a presentation on North Dakota’s success in increasing membership and involvement. Some ideas presented were: invite someone to go with you to a state meeting, give out new member awards, have a time for new members to get together, ask new members to be on committees, be active in recruiting new members, and focus on current topics for meetings. I would encourage all current SWCS members to work on asking new employees to be members. The national office will allow new members to pay half the membership cost their first year.

NEBRASKA SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION FOUNDATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS BALLOT

Ballot must be received by June 1, 2010.

BALLOT – Nebraska Soil and Water Conservation Foundation
Board of Directors, 5-year term

VOTE FOR ONE

_____ Craig Romary – Lincoln, NE –
Environmental Program Specialist for the Nebraska Department of Agriculture’s Pesticide Program. Craig has been a member of SWCS since 1993, serving as Nebraska Chapter secretary from 2002-2006, president from 2006-2008, and Northern Plains region representative for the Nominating Committee (2009-present).

_____ Jim Culver – Lincoln, NE – Retired from NRCS where he served as the State Soil Scientist for Nebraska, Head of the Soils Staff in the Midwest National Technical Center, and several positions in the National Soil Survey Center including Acting Director, National Leader for Soil Survey Quality Assurance, and National Leader for Technical Soil Services. Jim has been an active member of SWCS for nearly 40 years in Nebraska.

_____ (Write in name)

Return Ballot by mail or email to:

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All SWCS members are eligible to vote.



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Soil & Water Conservation Society

Ponca State Park
Sand Bar Room
Meeting begins 1pm
Monday June 7th

State Meeting: June 7-9 Ponca State Park

DIRECTIONS

2 miles North of Ponca, NE on Spur 26E. About 25 miles north/west of Sioux City, IA on the Missouri River.

Note: State Park permits required for vehicles parking at the site of the meeting.

Lodging Options:

TrailsInn

117 Nebraska ST
Ponca, NE 68770
(402) 755-2237

Ponca State Park Cabins

Call for Availability
(402) 755-2284



Registration Form

Please indicate number of attendees and which days you plan on attending below.

Monday Registration # _____ X \$10 = _____
Monday Banquet # _____ X \$10 = _____
Tuesday Registration # _____ X \$10 = _____
Wednesday Registration # _____ X \$5 = _____
TOTAL REGISTRATION =====

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Return Registration form to:

Dave Langemeier
700 N 81st ST
Lincoln, NE 68505

For questions regarding the meeting, contact:
Scott Bohaty, Northeast Area Director
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Day 1: Monday June 7

1:00 pm — Discussion of rural improvement projects in Northeast Nebraska led by Jan Jorgensen

2:30 pm — Tour/Discussion of efforts to control noxious and invasive plant species led by Doug Smith

6:00 pm — SWCS Banquet and Silent Auction

Day 2: Tuesday June 8

8:00 am — Tour of Game & Parks restoration area along the Missouri River led by Jeff Fields

10:00 am — Tour/discussion of the multi-agency effort to restore wetland functions along the Missouri River led by Theresa Smydra

12:00 pm — Lunch on your own

1:00 pm — Tour of watershed planning & control efforts of the Lewis & Clark NRD led by Terry Julesgard

Day 3: Wednesday June 8

8:00 am — NSWC Foundation Meeting

10:00 am — Nebraska Soil & Water Conservation Society Chapter Meeting



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