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Executive Committee Conference Call Minutes January 26th, 2011

The Executive Committee met on January 26th, 2011 beginning at 1:15 p.m. by telephone conference call. Those present were Nick Schultz, Chair; Dean Rogge, Reservoir Reach; John Chase, Upper Reach; Dick Iversen, Lower Reach; Laurie Riley, Coordinator; Carie Hess, Secretary; and Jeff Tiberi, MACD and Tim Ouellette, NRCS.

Approval of December 21st Minutes: John Chase moved to approve the minutes as submitted. Dick Iversen seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Financial report and approval of bill payments: The financial report and budget were read. John Chase moved to pay the unpaid bills and Dick Iversen seconded; the motion passed unanimously. Carie noted that the termination pay account needed to be reviewed and money needed to be transferred to that account as it has a zero balance. It was noted that Carie will get the figures and send out on an email to the Executive Committee with the information as well as a note to vote and send back. She will then inform the Executive Committee of the results and transfer funds accordingly. It was mentioned that this account balance should become part of the financial report each month.

MRRIC Travel Funding: It was noted that Mary Sexton had approved the out of state travel for the MRRIC representatives.

CREP Addendum Update: Laurie informed the Executive Committee that the addendum now has the grazing language and that she would like to set up a meeting with Glenn Patrick and Rob Hazelwood to finalize the language before sending to Lana Nesbit. It was thought that Helena would be a good location for this meeting and Tim Ouellette asked if he could be included.

Quarterly Meeting Plans: The next meeting was discussed as Tim Ouellette is working to set up the National Sage Grouse Coordinator to speak. After some discussion and looking at the calendar it was thought to have the meeting May 18 -19th in the Glasgow area. Dick Iversen brought up touring the Whitmire Grazing District or a tour of the Fish hatchery and stated that he would help with logistics of the tour.

Website Updates: Carie has all but the December CMR-NWR Community Working group minutes on the website, the council's minutes were up to date with the approved minutes, and it was discussed and the Executive Committee agreed to have the Coordinator's meeting reports posted to the website as well. Carie stated that she would get that taken care of.

CMR NWR Community Working Group: The next group meeting is February 17th in Circle. Laurie is unable to be there so Carie and Jeanne- Rae are taking care of the logistics.

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Next Conference call time & date: The next conference call is scheduled for February 23rd, 2011 from 1 to 2:30 p.m.

With no additional business being brought before the Committee, the call adjourned at 2:00 PM.

Submitted by:

Approved by unanimous vote on February 23, 2011

Carie Hess, Secretary

Nick Schultz, Chairman