

NORTH ROLLING PLAINS

Resource Conservation and Development, Inc.



2009 Annual Report

Projects and Area News

Lesser Prairie Chicken Habitat Improvement

North Rolling Plains RC&D, in partnership with the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service, Texas Parks and Wildlife, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, hosted two area-wide meetings with landowners to discuss ways to improve Lesser Prairie Chicken Habitat.



Emergency Back-Up Generators

Portable generators were acquired through the Gifts In Kind corporate donation program from Home Depot. The generators will provide emergency electrical power for the Mobeetic Volunteer Fire Department and Pampa ARC Repeater System



Circle of Diamonds Award

The North Rolling Plains Resource Conservation and Development Council received the Circle of Diamonds designation from the National Association of RC&D Councils for excellent results, service, and accountability.



State Meeting Award

The Texas Association of RC&D Councils awarded John Crowell the Outstanding Coordinator Award for 2008, Bob and Cindy Gober and John Crowell attended the Texas Association Meeting in Paris Texas.



Progress Report

Financial:

Beginning Balance on 10-1-08	\$ 48,312.03
Ending Balance on 9-30-09	\$ 55,342.22

Projects:

Projects Approved	15
Projects Completed in 2009	11
Projects Cancelled	1

Meetings:

Council/Board Meetings	4
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Attendance:

February 19th, 2009	43
April 1, 2009	8
September 30 2009	45
December 9, 2009	49
Average Meeting Attendance in 2009	36

Grants Received:

NRCS Admin Assistance	\$13,500.00
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Contributions Received:

Dues	\$ 1,775.00
Native Plant Book	\$ 4,065.00

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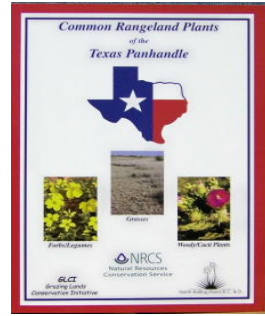
Jack Hall
Donley County

Doug McGarraugh
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Jerry Dan Hefley
Wheeler County

Conservation Education

The publication, “Common Rangeland Plants of the Texas Panhandle” continues to be a popular educational resource. Since March 2008 Council distributed 1,659 copies of the book.



Wheeler Wildfire Relief

Donated household items, clothing and mattresses were delivered to Wheeler to help provide relief to families who's homes were destroyed during the wildfires in Wheeler County

Gifts In Kind Donations

The Gifts In Kind Program continues to expand. This year donated items went to the “Wear House” in Pampa, “Lone Star Angels” in Canadian, as well as the Wheeler Wildfire victims.



Illegal Trash Dump Clean Up

Using funds from the Supplemental Environmental Project Program, the North Rolling Plains RC&D cleaned up two illegal roadside trash dumps near Darrouzett.



“Distributed Generation” Issues Addressed

The installation of small wind generators and bio-energy (methane) electrical generators has become a hot topic in the area as landowners look at ways to generate their own electricity. Issues related to the installation of these generators were addressed at the September meeting in Wheeler.

Sponsors

**Briscoe County
Collingsworth County
Donley County
Gray County
Hall County
Hemphill County
Lipscomb County
Ochiltree County
Roberts County
Wheeler County
Caprock SWCD
Donley County SWCD
Gray County SWCD
Hall Childress SWCD
Hemphill SWCD
Lipscomb County SWCD
Ochiltree County SWCD
Roberts County SWCD
Salt Fork SWCD
Wheeler County SWCD
City of Canadian
City of Booker
City of Clarendon**

**City of Darrouzett
City of Dodson
City of Estelline
City of Follett
City of Hedley
City of Higgins
City of Howardwick
City of Lefors
City of McLean
City of Memphis
City of Miami
City of Pampa
City of Perryton
City of Quitaque
City of Shamrock
City of Silverton
City of Wellington
City of Wheeler
Greenbelt Electric Coop
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Vision Statement:

“Helping Rural Communities Help Themselves”