

Annual Report



2008

*Bosque *Brown *Callahan *Comanche *Eastland *Erath
*Hamilton *Hood *Mills *Palo Pinto *Shackelford *Somervell
*Stephens

Annual Meeting Agenda Spurs Restaurant Lingleville, Texas December 10, 2008

- 10:00** **Registration & Coffee**
- 10:30** **Call Meeting to Order – Jane Crouch, President**
- Welcome**
- Introductions – Rob Lindsey,
State 2nd Vice-President**
- Presentation of Annual Report**
- Program – Energy Awareness – Jake Brooks**
- 12:00** **Lunch - Legislative Update**
- Financial Report/Budget Discussion – Approval**
- Election of 2009 Officers**
- 1:15** **Quarterly Board Meeting**

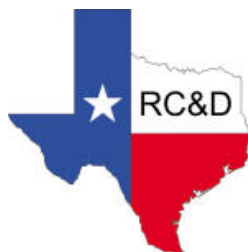
2008-2009 Projected Budget

Income

NRCS Grant	\$14,500
Administrative Fees	\$800
Sponsorship/Membership	<u>\$1,000</u>
Total Income	\$16,300

Expenses

Marketing	\$250
Conservation Grants	\$6,000
Sponsorships	\$500
Dues	\$750
Office Supplies	\$1,000
Meeting Expenses	\$1,500
Travel	\$3,000
Scholarships	\$1,000
Pay Roll	\$2,400
Taxes	\$400
Accountant	<u>\$1,500</u>
Total Expenses	\$16,300



2008 Activity Report

Scholarships

- \$1,000 of scholarships awarded to two area youth for continuing education

Board Meetings

- November 11, 2007 in Hamilton
- February 20, 2008 in Clifton
- May 29, 2008 in Breckenridge
- August 27, 2008 in Glen Rose

Meetings Attended

- RC&D Leadership Forum in Washington, D.C.
- Texas Association of RC&D Areas in Abilene
- Southwest States RC&D in St Louis
- State Association Board Meetings

NRCS Activities

- Emergency Watershed Protection



Projects

- New Landowner Workshop
- SEP
 - * Wastewater Treatment in Bosque, Hamilton and Hood Counties
 - * Abandoned Tire Clean up in Somervell County
- City of Goldthwaite Water Conservation
- Texas Cooperative Extension Water Quality and Quantity Training
- Central Texas Youth Fair Facility Expansion
- Stephenville ISD Outdoor Learning Center
- Swenson Memorial Museum of Stephens County Repair
- Dublin Chamber of Commerce Veteran's Memorial
- Bosque River Watershed Ecosystem Restoration project

Partners

- Texas Cooperative Extension
- City of Goldthwaite
- Stephenville ISD
- Dublin Chamber of Commerce
- Breckenridge Chamber of Commerce
- USDA - Rural Development
- Central Texas Youth Fair
- Hood County
- Mills County State Bank
- Tarleton State University Small Business Development Center
- City of Hamilton
- Tomlinson Ball Field Services
- Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board
- Texas Commission on Environmental Quality
- Texas Association of RC&D Areas
- USDA-NRCS

Leon Bosque RC&D Highlighted Projects

Field Of Dreams

Leon Bosque RC&D obtained "319" grants for \$350,000. The overall project goal is to gain acceptance of a blend of 50% compost and 50% sand is superior in many respects to the sand that is now used, and is easily affordable by the municipality, school district, college/university and sports association that maintain fields. The project results in a significant market for compost from dairy operations in the Bosque River Watershed, helping achieve 50% haul out of dairy manure. Over 1,000 yards have been distributed. Leon Bosque RC&D obtained an additional \$98,000 from the State of Texas in 2007 to continue the project.



Revolving Loan Fund

Leon Bosque RC&D Delivers Economic Boost for Central Texas

Central Texas is getting a financial boost from the USDA-Natural Resource Conservation Service's Resource Conservation and Development (RC&D). Local businesses, One More Stitch and SLAID Air, both in Hamilton, were the first recipients of the Leon Bosque RC&D Council's new revolving loan program.

Dr. Joe McFarland of Stephenville, grant manager for the Leon Bosque project, said "Our new revolving loan fund project this year will make available \$100,000 for start-up or necessary cash flow to assist small and emerging businesses with existing job retention or creation. Potential awardees must employ 50 or fewer workers, have less than \$1 million in projected gross revenue and be located in communities with 25,000 populations or less."

Leon Bosque RC&D in partnership with the City of Hamilton obtained an additional \$100,000 from the Office of Rural Community Affairs to expand the Revolving Loan Fund. **To date, thirteen loans have been made, resulting in over 40 jobs being created or retained. A total of \$214,000 has been loaned as a result of this program.**



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Resource Conservation and Development

Resource Conservation and Development (RC&D) is a unique program that is led by local volunteer councils that help people care for and protect their natural resources in a way that improves the local economy, environment and living standards. RC&D is a way for people to work together to plan and carry out activities that will make their area a better place to live. It is based on the assumption that local citizens, with assistance, can develop and carry out an action-oriented plan for the social, economic, and environmental enrichment of their communities.

RC&D promotes conservation, development and utilization of natural resources to improve the general level of economic activity and enhance the environment and standard of living in all communities. Leon Bosque RC&D, as do all councils, operates under the auspice of the USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Services (NRCS), but our Board of Directors adopts council projects, and local volunteers implement the projects. RC&D is the wheel for rural development, due to its strong local grassroots delivery system.

Vision:

Viable rural communities with proactive leadership, sound infrastructure and citizens dedicated to development through cooperation and collaboration.

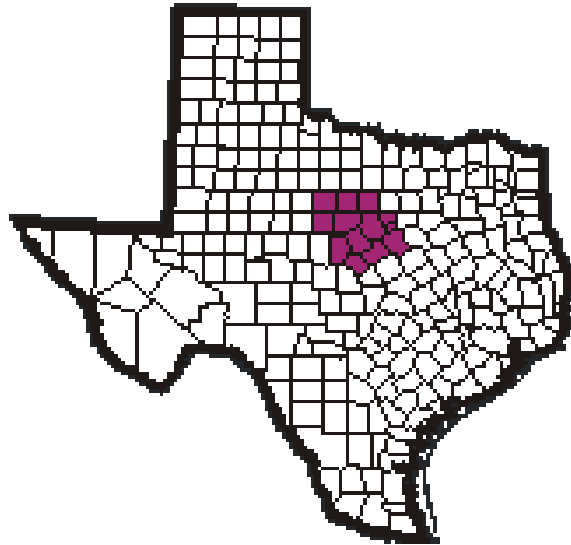
Mission:

Providing leadership and coordination for initiatives that will improve the quality of life and the quality of the environment.

Goals:

- Support development of community based leadership and planning
- Provide education, training and outreach that will build human capacity
- Provide advocacy and facilitation for community based strategic planning
- Provide advocacy, education and training on wise use and management of natural resources

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