

WASHAKIE COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT

ONE PAGE SUMMARY - FISCAL YEAR 2023

OUTREACH & EDUCATION

YOUTH EDUCATION

- Poster Contests
 - Project Learning Tree Arbor Day Poster Contest
 - NACD Stewardship Poster Contest
- WCCD Kid's Corner
 - Monthly Facebook Post providing educational, natural resource themed activities.
- Preschool Educational Series
 - Fall & Spring sessions providing education on natural resources to children ages 3-5.
- Medicine Lodge Field Day
 - Provide a natural resource based lesson in the field with Worland 7th Graders on predators and prey.
- West Side Elementary
 - STEM Days: 2 natural resource interactive lessons with Worland West Side students.
 - Work it Wednesdays: Assisted with West Side Garden and promotion.
 - Tree Identification: Facilitate a lesson on tree identification, followed by a Tree Staking exercise in coordination with Wyoming State Forestry.
 - Hatching Baby Chicks: Provided an incubator and lesson with 8 special education students.
 - 5th Grade Outdoor Day: A skull and hide identification lesson with materials provided by Wyoming Game and Fish.
- Outdoor Classroom
 - Worland Boy Scout Troop 5045 came out to mulch the pollinator garden and trees.
 - Wyoming Boys School Work & Learn: A spring/summer series of natural resource lessons followed by community service at the Outdoor Classroom and Community Garden.
- 4th Grade History Days
 - In coordination with the Washakie Museum, provided students with a lesson on the history of cattle and the benefits provided through by-products of bovine.
- Web of Life
 - Provided Ten Sleep Schools 4th and 5th graders with a lesson of the complex interaction of various ecosystems in coordination with Wyoming State Forestry.

GENERAL PUBLIC EDUCATION

- Grow Washakie: A Rural Living Workshop
 - With funding from University of Wyoming Extension Barnyards & Backyards Rural Living Program and sponsorships from Security State Bank and Big Horn Co-Op, WCCD hosted the first Grow Washakie: A Rural Living Workshop in March 2023. This program is part of the Full Campaign (read more below).
- Full Campaign: Hearts, Bellies, Pantries.
 - This local collaboration between WCCD, Washakie County Public Health, Washakie County Emergency Management, University of Wyoming Extension-Washakie, and the Worland Community Garden exists to encourage food production, procurement, preparation and preservation within Washakie County. T
- Social Media Outreach, weekly posts keeping the community informed on grant funding opportunities, local and state events and activities.

FINANCIALS

July 1, 2022 - June 30, 2023

EXPENSES

\$193,549

- Payroll & Indirect, 66%
- Admin & Operations, 15.4%
- Cost Share Programs, 9.8%
- Programs, 6.9%
- Dues & Sponsorships, 1.3%
- Insurance, .6%

INCOME

\$239,554

- Mill Levy, 89%
- Program Sales, 3.7%
- Appropriations, 3.6%
- Federal & State Grant, 1.1%
- Interest, 1%
- Other, 1.6%

MILL LEVY BREAKDOWN

- \$214,138 Mill Levy Received
- \$137,048 spent in-County
- 64% return to the community



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DISTRICT OPERATIONS

- Oversight on Watershed Improvement Districts
 - Cottonwood Grass Creek, attended all meetings
 - Nowood, attended 6 monthly meetings
 - Conducted November 2022 WID Elections
- Completed 10 Subdivision Reviews, per State Statute
- Met all requirements for WDA Appropriations Funding
- Staff Training completed
 - WACD Principles of Water Quality & Monitoring & Analysis Training (Janet and Jaci)
 - WCDEA Annual Training in Pinedale, May 2023 (Amanda)
 - Preserve at Home Course through Idaho State University (Janet)
 - NRCS Pollinator Habitat (Amanda)
 - NRCS Ventenata and Other Invasive ID (Amanda)
 - FEMA, Cyber Attacks (Janet)
 - Various other webinar informal trainings offered by agencies

WATER QUALITY & WATER QUANTITY

COST SHARE PROGRAMS

Rural Cost Share Program

- 3 projects funded at 50% cost share
 - Pivot Electrical
 - 4,910 feet of open ditch converted to buried pipeline
 - 1,155 feet of open ditch converted to buried pipeline

Special Discretionary Funds

- 1 project funded at 50% cost share
 - Traditional grass front yard converted to Xeriscape.

AGENCY SPONSORED PROGRAMS

WDEQ 319 Implementation Grant

- Upper Big Horn Sub Basin Watershed Implementation Program
 - Providing landowners with cost share to implement BMP's that will have a positive impact to our water quality.
 - Water Monitoring Program to begin in 2024 and go through 2025.

Wyoming Department of Agriculture

- WCCD Sampling and Analysis Plan Development
 - Grant funding provided to develop the SAP for the Water Monitoring Program with WDEQ.

WASTE MANAGEMENT & TREE PROGRAMS

WASTE MANAGEMENT

- Monthly Recycling Event in Ten Sleep hosted by Ten Sleep National Honor Society (TSNHS)
- Worland Dog Waste Stations, maintain 15 stations at City Parks within Worland
- Adopt-a-Highway clean up on a 2-mile stretch of US-16
- 28th Annual Christmas Tree Recycling Event was held with 23 volunteers collecting over 100 trees, chipped by Big Horn REA for mulch.
- Community Compost Bin Sales is a new program offering the sale of top quality compost bins and hosted 2 composting workshops in coordination to the launch of this program.

WASTE MANAGEMENT cont..

- Recycling Trailer Mural was funded through the Wyoming Art Council and resulted in a beautiful mural painted on the recycling trailer by Ten Sleep Schools.



TREE PROGRAM

- 20 rolls of weed barrier were sold and 5 boxes of staples
- Held our 2nd Annual Tree Sale resulting in a good sales and a lesson learned on ordering processes.

AGENCY COOPERATION

COMMENT LETTERS

- BLM Conservation and Landscape Health Proposed Rule
- BLM Greater Sage Grouse Management Plan
- BLM Utility Scale Solar Development PEIS

MEETINGS

- Bighorn National Forest Steering Committee
- Washakie County Emergency Management LEPC & THIRA
- Wyoming Association of Conservation Districts, Annual Meeting
- Wyoming Conservation District Employee Association Annual Training
- USDA NRCS Local Work Group
- Wyoming Department of Environmental Quality Nonpoint Taskforce, Annual Meeting
- National Association of Conservation Districts, Annual Meeting
- WACD Area III, Annual Meeting
- Local Sage Grouse Working Group
- Wyoming Collaboration of Healthy Soils
- WDA Board of Ag Meetings
- Wyoming Conditions & Monitoring Monthly Webinar
- Wyoming Food Coalition
- BLM Cooperating Agency meetings for:
 - Utility Scale Solar Development
 - Greater Sage Grouse Management
 - Grazing Regulations

BOARD SUPERVISOR PARTICIPATION

- Annual Legislative Luncheon: Daniel Greet, Susan Pennington, Charley Orchard & Jaci Harkink
- Big Horn Basin Women in Ag Wool Workshop: Susan Pennington
- WACD District Supervisor Training: Jaci Harkink
- NACD Annual Convention 2023: Jaci Harkink
- No-Till Drill Workshop: Jaci Harkink
- Wyoming Sage Grouse Implementation Task Force Meeting for State Core Map Revisions: Charley Orchard
- Water Quality Training: Jaci Harkink

