

WASHAKIE COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT

ANNUAL SUMMARY - FISCAL YEAR 2021

OUTREACH & EDUCATION

YOUTH ACTIVITIES

- Poster Contests
 - PLT Arbor Day Contest with Worland 4th Graders and Ten Sleep 5th Graders, Theme was Trees: That's WY
 - NACD Poster Contest with Worland & Ten Sleep 2nd and 5th Graders, Theme was Healthy Forests=Healthy Communities
- WCCD Kid's Corner
 - Monthly Facebook Post providing educational, natural resource themed activities.
- Homeschool Outreach
 - Created connections within Worland for parents that chose to homeschool during the pandemic, provided educational content and materials.

GENERAL PUBLIC

- Community Outreach
 - Northern Wyoming News, 5 advertisements and 1 interview
 - Big Horn Radio, 1 guest spot.
 - Boundary Signs, 2 new signs on county borders in conjunction with Clear Creek and Hot Springs Conservation Districts.
 - Event Display Tables, Westi Ag Days & Washakie County Fair.
 - Social Media Outreach, weekly posts keeping the community informed on grant funding opportunities, local and state events and activities.
 - Calendar Photo Contest, contestant winner's photo is displayed on WCCD Annual Calendar which is handed out to local and statewide organizations.

DISTRICT OPERATIONS

- Oversight on Watershed Improvement Districts
 - Cottonwood Grass Creek, attended all meetings
 - Nowood, attended 6 monthly meetings
 - Conducted November 2020 WID Board Directors Elections
- Completed three Subdivision Reviews, per State Statute
- Dave Slover and Susan Pennington were re-elected on the Board of Supervisor for a 4-year term.
- Annual Legislative Luncheon, 12 in attendance
- Met all requirements for WDA Appropriations Funding
- Staff Training completed
 - Grant Writing USA-Grant Writing Training
 - WACD Principles of Water Quality
 - Conservation District Employee Certification
 - WACD Water Quality Monitoring & Analysis Training (not field portion)
 - Various other webinar informal trainings offered by agencies
- Completed all required grant reporting requirements
 - Quarterly 319 Reimbursement Requests
 - Final Report for 319 grant funding
- Wyoming Stock Growers Association 2020 Environmental Stewardship Award Nomination-Galloway Ranch, LLC

FINANCIALS

July 1, 2020 - June 30, 2021

EXPENSES

\$264,392.25

- Payroll & Indirect, 46.4%
- Programs, 40.5%
- Admin & Operations, 6.8%
- Dues & Sponsorships, 5.6%
- Insurance, .7%

INCOME

\$277,488.56

- Mill Levy, 62.4%
- WDEQ 319 Funds, 32.6%
- Appropriations, 3.2%
- Dues & Sponsorships, 5.6%
- Other, 1.8%

MILL LEVY BREAKDOWN

- \$173,284.70 in income received
- \$114,521.70 spent in Washakie County
- 66% return to the community



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Dave Slover, Dan Rice, Vance Lungren,
Susan Pennington, Charley Orchard

WATER QUALITY & WATER QUANTITY

COST-SHARE PROGRAMS

Rural Cost Share Program

- 1 project funded at 50% cost share
 - Open ditch located next to a feedlot converted to pipeline, 1250 feet

Special Discretionary Funds

- 1 project funded at \$2,500.00
 - West Side Elementary Outdoor Classroom and Garden installation

AGENCY FUNDED PROJECTS

WDEQ 319 Implementation Grant

- Big Horn River-Slick Creek and Lower Nowater Watershed Program end date was May 31, 2021
 - Total of 7 open ditch conversions to pipeline completed since 2017, 16,907 feet
 - Total of 2 irrigation reservoirs installed, 900 cubic yards
 - Total expended funds: 319 Funds, \$198,669.20 and Non-Federal Match, \$141,545.01

Wyoming Department of Agriculture

- Nowood Watershed Stock Water Development Program: Phase 1
 - Board of Agriculture granted an extension until December 31, 2021

WATERSHED PLANNING

Middle Big Horn Level 1 Watershed Study

- Completed January 2021
- Completed a review of projects with Washakie Steering Committee

Horse Gulch Watershed

- Create and distributed a flyer regarding Best Management Practices and Cost Share Programs

Washakie Watersheds Steering Committee

- Met once in Sept 2021 to review and rank 2 applications for 319 grant funding

WASTE MANAGEMENT, TREE & RECREATION PROGRAMS

WASTE MANAGEMENT

- Monthly Recycling Event in Ten Sleep hosted by Ten Sleep National Honor Society (TSNHS)
- TSNHS also organizes the use of the 55-gallon recycling containers for events and in use at the school
- Worland Dog Waste Stations, maintain 15 stations at City Parks
- Working to secure a 2-mile stretch of US 16 through the Adopt-A-Highway Program (to replace Cell Phone for Soldiers)
- 26th Annual Christmas Tree Recycling Event was held with approx 20 volunteers collecting over 50 trees, chipped by Big Horn REA.

WASTE MANAGEMENT cont..

- The Bi-Annual Hazardous Household Waste Recycling Day was cancelled again due to Covid restrictions

TREE PROGRAM

- 27 rolls of weed barrier were sold and 5 boxes of staples
- Received and distributed 100 bareroot tree seedlings received as part of the National Association of Forestry 100th Anniversary

RECREATION

- Met with Washakie County Commissioners to discuss potential boat ramp access on County Land, site visit followed

AGENCY COOPERATION

COMMENT LETTERS

- Bighorn National Forest Invasive & Other Select Plant Management Draft EIS
- BLM Wyoming Pipeline Corridor Initiative Final EIS and Proposed Resource Management Plan
- Washakie County Natural Resource Plan
- BLM Grazing Regulations EIS
- Bighorn National Forest Ten Sleep Canyon Climbing Management Plan
- USFS Rangeland Directives

MEETINGS

- Bighorn National Forest Steering Committee
- Bighorn National Forest Dispersed Camping Taskforce
- Washakie County Emergency Management LEPC & THIRA
- Bighorn Climber's Coalition
- Wyoming Water Association , Annual Meeting
- Wyoming Weed & Pest, Annual Meeting
- Wyoming Association of Conservation Districts, Annual Meeting
- Wyoming Conservation District Employee Association
- USDA NRCS Local Work Group
- USDA NRCS ESD Local Work Group
- Wyoming Department of Environmental Quality Nonpoint Taskforce, Annual Meeting
- National Association of Conservation Districts, Annual Meeting
- WACD Area III, Annual Meeting
- NACD Winds, Water and Wildfire Conference
- Hot Springs Weed & Pest Annual Tour
- Local Sage Grouse Working Group

BOARD PARTICIPATION

- Dave Slover-Washakie Watershed Steering Committee, Gooseberry Creek Irrigation District, USDA-FSA State Committee
- Dan Rice-WACD Vice President, Area III Director
- Vance Lungren- Local Sage Grouse Working Group
- Susan Pennington- Worland Community Garden President