WASHAKIE COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT 208 Shiloh Road WORLAND, WYOMING 82401

MINUTES OF MONTHLY BOARD MEETING

The Washakie County Conservation District (WCCD) held their monthly board meeting on Monday, September 21, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. at the USDA Service Center. WCCD Board members in attendance included Dave Slover (via teleconference), Dan Rice, Charley Orchard, and Vance Lungren. Also, in attendance was WCCD Director Amanda O'Keefe and John Joyce from Nowood Watershed Improvement District and George Kelso from South Big Horn Conservation District.

Dave called the WCCD board meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

Charley made a motion to approve the WCCD September 21, 2020 board meeting agenda. Motion was seconded. Motion carried.

The WCCD Board reviewed the draft for the August 17, 2020 board meeting minutes. Dan indicated corrections to the minutes under Financial Reports and DC Report. Corrections were made. Charley made a motion to accept the minutes. Motion was seconded. Motion carried.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

Amanda reported the following financial account balances: WCCD main checking account (ending 3537); \$13,766.15, Money Market account (ending 3596); \$58,865.73, Emergency Reserve Money Market account (ending 0843); \$77,566.38, Depreciation Reserve Savings account (ending 5209); \$4,035.12. The CD Account balance was not presented. The August 31, 2020 Bank Statements for all accounts were provided and reconciled by Dan Rice.

Amanda reported that the mill levy funding received to date is \$17,929.22.

Amanda provided the Board with the Monthly Expenditure Report. Charley made a motion to accept the expenditures. Motion was seconded. Motion carried. The following expenditures were approved:

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Date	Payment To	Invoice Number	Check Number	Amount					
8/31/2020	Big Horn Federal HSA-Amanda O'Keefe	9130	Electronic	\$	208.33				
8/31/2020	Amanda O'Keefe	9131	Electronic	\$	2,180.31				
8/31/2020	Halli Caines	9132	Electronic	\$	1,856.96				
8/31/2020	Dustin Vail	9133	Electronic	\$	228.11				
8/31/2020	Pinnacle Bank HSA-Halli Caines	9134	Electronic	\$	258.33				
8/31/2020	Internal Revenue Service	9135	Electronic	\$	1,134.74				
8/31/2020	Wyoming Retirement System	9136	8401	\$	1,016.39				
8/31/2020	Wyoming Association of Conserv. Districts	9137	8402	\$	167.60				
8/31/2020	RT Communications	9138	8403	\$	112.75				
9/1/2020	WY Educators Life Trust	9139	8404	\$	27.75				
9/14/2020	Chase Cardmember Services	9140	8405	\$	133.16				
9/14/2020	Amanda O'Keefe	9141	8406	\$	11.00				
9/14/2020	Ten Sleep Tribute	9142	8407	\$	30.00				
9/11/2020	WACD	9143	8408	\$	31.62				
9/14/2020	Northern Wyoming News	9144	8409	\$	126.00				

9/14/2020	Kennedy Ace Hardware	9145	8410	\$	24.99
9/15/2020	Amanda O'Keefe	9146	8411	\$	6.30
9/15/2020	South Big Horn CD	9147	8412	\$	30.00

DC REPORT

Amanda provided the WCCD Board with the DC report for September 2020.

EMPLOYEE REPORTS:

Amanda provided the WCCD Board with her August 2020 Timesheet and gave the WCCD Board an update on the Horse Gulch Watershed Landowner Outreach Materials and the WDEQ 319/205j Grant Application deadline.

Amanda provided the WCCD Board with Halli Caine's monthly report.

BOARD MEMBER REPORTS:

Vance provided the Board with an overview of the Sage Grouse Local Working Group Meeting held on August 17, 2020.

Dan provided an overview of the Area III Meeting held in Basin on September 10, 2020 topics and discussions. WCCD is to host the Area III Meeting in Worland for 2021.

OLD BUSINESS

<u>Environmental Stewardship Nomination-Galloway Ranch LLC:</u> Nomination for Galloway Ranch LLC was submitted to Wyoming Stockgrowers Association.

On the Ground-Maintenance Program Review: WCCD Board discussed consolidating Maintenance Program and Rural Cost Share funds by amending budget. Revise Rural Cost Share Program to include a priority application for rehabilitation projects that include water-related or vegetation-related BMP's. Discussion and motion to amend budget postponed until October 2020 Board Meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Alkali Reservoir-Share Process & Legal Form Q&A: John Joyce presented to the WCCD Board the share application process and paperwork. Based on discussions and review of the process and documents, the WCCD Board is in support of the direction the project is moving. Amanda to contact Justin Caudill to confirm that the Joint Board of Supervisors (WCCD & SBHCD) are not required to make a motion to formally approve the process and forms.

<u>WACD Convention-Save the Date:</u> WCCD discussed attendance for convention being held in Torrington on November 16-18, 2020.

<u>BLM-Notice of Proposed Decision-Construction & Maintenance of Blue Ridge Stockwater Pipeline:</u> WCCD reviewed proposed decision.

<u>Legislative Luncheon, Winter 2020:</u> WCCD discussed request from Meeteetse to hold 2020 Luncheon. Location of luncheon TBD.

<u>BLM-MOU for Livestock Grazing Regulation Amendments:</u> WCCD will review alternatives listed in draft EIS for comment and have to Amanda no later than Monday, October 5, 2020.

319 Implementation Grants-Project Approvals: WCCD reviewed applications for Big Horn River-Slick Creek-Lower Nowater 319 Implementation Grant.

- Geis Farms: Dave motioned to approve application. Motion was seconded. Motion carried.
- Raising the Stars: Dave motioned to approve application. Motion was seconded. Motion carried.

WGFD-Habitat and Technical Advisory Group update to the Statewide Habitat Plan: WCCD will review and provide comments to Amanda no later than Monday, September 28, 2020.

Wyoming Local Government Liability Pool (LGLP) Board Nominations: WCCD reviewed request for Board Nominations.

OTHER BUSINESS

CORRESPONDENCE OF HIGHER IMPORTANCE

Joint Committee-Agriculture, State & Public Lands and Water Resources Meeting August 27-28-Request for Comments

Agenda

USDA Forest Service & State of Wyoming-Shared Stewardship Agreement

- Agreement
- USDA-Toward Shared Stewardship Across Landscapes-An Outcome-Based Investment Strategy

WDA Comments on Predator Damage Conflict Management EA 08212020

What's Up 09022020-Convention Details

Wyoming State Forestry Division reports Japanese Beetles-Kendrick Park in Sheridan WY USDA-FSA designate several WY Counties as Contiguous Natural Disaster Areas WACD-ESA Letter of Support to Senator Barrasso

GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE (Previously Emailed)

Governor's Office-Platte Valley Mule Deer Corridor LWG; NACD eResouces Weekly Newsbrief 08182020; Governor's Office-Orion Mines wins bid for Wyoming Land Purchase; Whats Up 08242020; WY Game & Fish Weekly Update 08242020; WWA August 2020 Newsletter; NACD Conservation Clips 08212020; NACD Forestry Notes 08212020; NACD eResource Weekly Newsbrief 08262020; NCPP 2020 Hugh Hammond Bennett Award; Governor's Office-State Budget Cuts 08262020; NACD Conservation Clips 08282020; Governor's Email 08282020-Public Health Order extended Sept 15 2020; CFAP Deadline Reminder 09112020; NACD eResource Weekly Newsbrief 09012020; Chamber of Commerce September Newsletter; NACD Conservation Clips 09042020; WGFD Weekly Update 09082020; NACD eResource Weekly Newsbrief 09112020; Governor Email 09112020; WGFD Weekly Update 09142020; NACD eResource Weekly Newsbrief 09152020; NACD Conservation Clips 09182020; Governor's Email 09182020; Whats Up 09182020; WGFD CWD Update 09182020; WDEQ 2020 Excellance in Mining Reclamation Awards

The WCCD Board meeting was adjourned at 9:32 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Amanda O'Keefe, Director on September 28, 2020.

CHAIRMAN

DATE

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SECRETARY/TREASURER

DATE