

WASHAKIE COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT
208 Shiloh Road
WORLAND, WYOMING 82401

MINUTES OF MONTHLY BOARD MEETING and BUDGET HEARING

The Washakie County Conservation District (WCCD) held their monthly board meeting on Monday, July 18, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. in Ten Sleep at the Ten Sleep Senior Citizens Center. WCCD Board members in attendance included; Charley Orchard, Vance Lungren, Dan Rice, and Dave Slover. Also in attendance was WCCD Director Victoria Dietz, and NRCS District Conservationist, Laura Galloway.

Dave called the WCCD board meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

The WCCD board reviewed the June 20, 2016 board meeting minutes. Charley moved to approve the July 18, 2016 WCCD board meeting minutes. Dave seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Tori reported the following financial account balances: WCCD main checking account; \$6,953.95 and Money Market account; \$174,302.68. The CD balance is \$16,539.19. The June bank statements for the main checking and money market accounts were reconciled by Tori Dietz. Vance moved to accept the financial statement and the reconciliation reports for both accounts. Charley seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The following vouchers were reviewed and approved:

VOUCHER	CK NUMBER	PAYABLE TO	AMOUNT
7973	7546	Cameron Taylor	50.00
7974	7547	Susan Carrell	50.00
7975	7548	Dan Rice	95.58
7976	7549	Vance Lungren	8.64
7977	7550	Charley Orchard	65.88
7978	7551	Dave Slover	138.24
7979	7552	Susan Pennington	21.06
7980	7553	Voided	
7981	7554	Griemsman Livestock	12904.98
7982	7555	Ten Sleep FFA	100.00
7983	Electronic	Karen Fenton	1460.53
7984	Electronic	Vanessa Woffinden	735.33
7985	Electronic	Victoria Dietz	2683.70
7986	Electronic	Dusty Vail	502.24
7987	Electronic	Security State Bank	1303.24
7988	7556	Wyo. Retirement	894.81
7989	7557	BlueCross BlueShield	1355.86
7990	7558	Voided	
7991	Electronic	Dept. of Workforce Ser	459.37
7992	7559	WACD	74.50

7993.	7560	WEBT	13.89
7994	7561	Verizon Wireless	10.08
7995	7562	R.T. Communications	88.90
7996	7563	Daily News	108.00
7997	7564	Kennedy Ace	106.75
7998	7565	DeWitt Company	92.64
7999	Electronic	Dept. of Revenue	77.47
8000	7566	Cardmember Service	1097.35
8001	7567	High Plains Power	270.28

NRCS REPORT

Laura Galloway provided the following written report:

NRCS help provided for WCCD: Multiple days on the Urban storm water drain project, Gene Schreibeis gated pipe project - as built, Perry – drain project design, and Maps for 319 projects.

EQIP 2016: Waiting on final approval for 2 contracts so we can get signature for obligation
Completing designs on new contracts and status reviews on all of our contracts.

NWQI: Contracts are written, we are waiting on final approve so we can get signatures for obligation.

Civil Rights:

- Worland FO Compliance Review will be conducted Tuesday morning.
- The ask if we had a board member who was also a landowner we worked, if so they wanted to interview them due to time constraints.
- I visited with Charlie about this and he felt more comfortable letting someone else do the interview who works with us and has been on the board longer to know more of what they are talking about.
- I visited with Vance to see if he was interested and he was willing to do both the district board interview and the landowner interview.

NRCS Upcoming Training: Emma – ATV safety training, Laura – ACEP Training (Easements), Emma – Windbreak Training, All – Toolkit Training, All –Soil Health Bucket Training and WEPS (Wind Erosion Prediction System)

Tori touched base with Laura on providing her with information on potential projects for the 319 grant application. Laura said she would check with Holden to see if he had pulled that information together.

EMPLOYEE REPORTS:

North Worland Stormdrain Project – Tori reported that the contractor has begun excavation of the North Worland Stormdrain project and she has coordinated with the BNSF Railroad and City of Worland to clean out their culverts that run into the drain.

Fairgrounds Windbreak- Tori reported that she had scheduled the Boys School to assist Dusty with the installation of the weed barrier and gravel at the WCCD windbreak at the Fairgrounds on July 13th. Tori stated that they were able to finish the project and it looks great and will be allot easier to maintain. Tori stated that Dusty was still doing a little gravel clean-up and will be getting the fence put back together this week.

Gooseberry Revegetation Grant Report – Tori provided the WCCD Board with the Wyoming Department of Ag Research interim grant report that Karen Fenton had recently submitted, which also included a site description map and descriptions of each landowners request for plant materials. Tori stated that she felt that Karen did a great job with the details of justifying each task that had been accomplished to date.

BOARD MEMBER REPORTS:

Special District Task Force – Tori provided the WCCD Board with the July 5th, 6th, and 8th Special District Task Force meeting handouts. Dan reported that he had attended one of the recent meetings and gave the WCCD Board an overview of some of the discussions held during that meeting and also stated the importance of ensuring that special district statutes are followed.

OLD BUSINESS

Natural Resource Land Use Plan Work – The WCCD Board began working on language to support policies and provided Tori with guidance for gathering some of the documentation. Specifically, edits were made to some of the information in the Introduction and Tori was asked to reorganize the statutes cited and to include Cooperation, Coordination, and laws regarding consistency review. Vance suggested that headers be put at the top of the pages so the viewer could identify where they were. Tori was also asked to contact the County Assessor to get supporting information on the value of production for the policy under Rangeland and Irrigated Land Management Program Policy, “WCCD does not encourage any action that results in a net loss of irrigated lands which produce food and fiber and effect the economic return of those lands within the district.” The next policy, “Open space is beneficial to wildlife, and vital to maintaining the viewshed and water quality. WCCD does not encourage any action that results in a net loss of open space.” was reworded.

NEW BUSINESS

Nowood Watershed Improvement District Budget Hearing – The WCCD board teleconferenced in to the Nowood WID budget hearing at 7:00 p.m. Tori had previously provided the WCCD Board with a copy of the draft Nowood WID Budget FY 2017. Discussion was held regarding the budget and administrative assessment. Dan gave the Nowood WID Board an overview of discussions being held during Special District Task Force meetings and urged them to ensure that all statutes are being followed.

WCCD Budget Hearing – The WCCD’s Budget Hearing was called to order by Dan Rice at 8:00 p.m. There was no public in attendance. Tori reviewed the updates to the budget since the July WCCD Board meeting, with the WCCD Board. After some discussion, Charley made a motion to approve the WCCD fiscal year 2017 budget. Vance seconded the motion. Motion carried. Dan signed the budget. The budget hearing was adjourned at 8:18 p.m.

Annual Plan Review - The WCCD Board reviewed the WCCD’s fiscal year 2017 Annual Plan as presented by Tori. Dave made a motion to approve the WCCD fiscal year 2017 Annual Plan. Charley seconded the motion. Motion carried. The WCCD Board in attendance signed the plan.

Wyoming Ag in the Classroom Annual Support Consideration – Tori provided the WCCD Board with a copy of the literature sent out by the Wyoming Ag in the Classroom explaining what they provide for the funds they receive and asked the board if they would like to renew their yearly support of \$250.00. Vance made a motion to approve funding support for Wyoming Ag in the Classroom at \$250.00. Charley seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Home Place Subdivision Review Letter – Tori provided the WCCD Board with a subdivision plat map and request for soils review from the Washakie County Planner, and also a letter she had written which included the soils information for the Home Place subdivision. Tori explained that the plot already had a house on it and is on

City water and sewer and her letter only included the soils information generally and not specific to septic systems or basements. Vance made a motion to approve the letter Tori had written to provide general soils information for the Home Place subdivision. Charley seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Natural Resource Education Website Store/Calendar for Reserving Materials – Tori provided the WCCD Board with a quote and flowchart scenario from Kristi Robison, the website developer. The quote includes time to develop a check in and check out system for teachers for the Natural Resource Education materials on the WCCD's website. Tori explained that Kristi has thoughts of using Google Calendar and Weebly's form together so that the teacher can see a list of what is available, fill out a form and hit send to reserve. Tori added that she and Vanessa would receive the form and would know what was needed, when they needed it and when it would be returned. The price quote was \$1094.00. Dave made a motion to hire Kristi Robison at Paintrock Consulting to develop a check in and check out system for the WCCD's Natural Resource Education Program materials. Charley seconded the motion. Motion carried.

WCCD Website - Weed Information Feedback Requested – Tori provided the WCCD Board with information gathered by Karen Fenton to add a weed component to the WCCD website. Tori stated that Karen had asked if she was to include information such as cost share funds available for rehab of weed areas, if a separate page was needed with photos, and to also use the information in the form of a newspaper article. The following input was received by the WCCD Board: The page would be fine for a news article, cost share for projects for rehab is possible, they would need to be ranked like all others and an application filled out. Dependent upon public benefit and resource benefit identified, would like photos of main noxious weeds in county and include along with each photo strategies for treatment, chemicals that help control including specifics such as timing and chemical cocktails, etc., would like a separate button on home page, right above and in between the News and Event column and the Current Involvements column. Something catchy like WEEDS...GOOD, BAD, & UGLY, etc., liked the idea for article on the main page that button goes to and including helpful links to weed & pest, and would like to find out from Jarrod Glanz what types of information he has locally and make sure he knows what we're doing and ask for his input and direct information to his office. Laura stated that she has a book in her office that has the most common noxious weeds of the area listed that Karen is welcome to utilize.

OTHER BUSINESS

Dan asked for input from the WCCD Board on the consideration of developing a resolution for the Area III meeting giving WACD direction and/or ask for support of sustainable ag production programs rather than more wildlife programs through NRCS. Discussion was held regarding possible existing WACD policies that may support those programs and ensuring that the words, "sustainable ag" were defined so as not to assume it means the same to all. There was no decision made to move forward with the development of such a resolution, but Tori stated that she would look at WACD's policies to see if there any to that effort.

CORRESPONDENCE

NRCS Newsletter 06202016; NACD Newsletter 06212016; Governor Hails Fracking Decision; BLM Installation Ceremony; NRCS Newsletter 06272016; Governor Urges Caution in Wildfire Areas; Federal Register Notice 07012016; Federal Register 07052016; Special District Task Force Meeting 07082016; Bighorn Forest SOPA; NACD News 07062016; Sheridan Experimental Station Field Day; NACD Breakout Session Proposal Request; NRCS Update 07062016; CSP Summary; State Fair Help Request; State Technical Team Minutes; State Technical Team Update; Rocky Mountain Area Update; FSA ECP Handout; FSA CRP Handout; Western Watersheds Trespass Dismissal; Ferret Survey Information; BHBasin Dispatch 07072-16; Federal Register Forest Road Discharges; Farm Bill Survey Extended; NRCS Newsletter 07112016; NACD Newsletter 07132016; Washakie County Mitigation Plan Update 2016

Charley moved to adjourn. Dave seconded the motion. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 10:12 p.m.

Date: August 3, 2016

Respectfully submitted by: Victoria Dietz, District Director

Dean Rice 8-15-2016
CHAIRMAN DATE

Vance Amgen 8-15-16
SECRETARY/TREASURER DATE