

**Minutes for Tuesday, April 6<sup>th</sup>, 2010**  
Regularly Scheduled Board of Supervisors' Meeting  
5880 Enterprise Drive, Suite 100

Meeting called to order at 7:01 p.m. by Chairman Tom Walters. In attendance were Kelly Burch - Treasurer, Tyrone Fittje – Vice Chair, Richard Hallingstad – Member, John Bentley – Member, Mary Schrader – NRCS Conservationist, Lisa Ogden - NCCD District Manager.

1. **Announcements** - There were no new announcements.
2. **Minutes** - It was moved by Kelly Burch to approve the minutes for March 9, 2010, seconded by John Bentley. With no discussion, minutes were approved.
3. **Unapproved Vouchers/Financial Report** - The list of unapproved vouchers was reviewed with little discussion. It was moved by Kelly Burch to accept the vouchers and pay them, seconded by John Bentley. It was moved to approve payroll in advance by Kelly Burch and seconded by Richard Hallingstad. The motion passed without discussion. The Status of Funds was not presented for approval, so will be reviewed at the May board meeting.
4. **District Conservationist Update – Mary Schrader**

**Farm Bill Programs**

- ★ Sign –up for Sage Grouse Initiative ends April 23, 2010
- ★ Sign-up for Wetland Reserve Program ends June 1, 2010 (Fact Sheet)
- ★ Initial allocation for EQIP has been obligated. Natrona County funded 7 contracts for \$344,942.

**MGT-5 – Livestock well**

- ★ Flying A Ranch, Geologist and Brian J are working on date to look at site

**Sage-Grouse Initiative – EQIP/WHIP funds**

- ★ Focusing on grazing management – encouraging landowners to incorporate rest rotation or deferred rotation into current grazing system to improve nesting and brood rearing habitat.
- ★ Opportunity for landowners to make water developments and fencing wildlife friendly, install escape ramps in tanks, remove electrical lines or water sites near leks and improve riparian herbaceous cover along streams and creeks (only a few of the approved practices).
- ★ Interest in Natrona Co – will be making contacts once final worksheets are developed

**Russian Olive Removal Plan for Natrona County**

- ★ April 5, 2010, NRCS, Weed & Pest, Historic Trails RC&D, WGFD and FSA met to discuss how to educate landowners about Russian Olive. Discussed programs

- that could be used to provide financial assistance to landowners if interested in removing Russian Olive. – EQIP, WHIP, WRP, CCRP.
- ★ Apply for Wyoming Natural Resource Trust Fund grant to provide additional assistance and help the landowner who is not eligible for Farm Bill programs.
  - ★ Planning a demonstration for landowners for September 2010. Invite contractors to show what equipment is available and how it works to remove Russian Olive. Also discuss chemicals available to use for follow-up treatment and options for replanting trees, shrubs and grass if needed.
  - ★ The conservation district is invited to be a part of this working group. We would appreciate your support and ideas. We don't have planned meeting dates – we hope to communicate through e-mail and phone. We would welcome a person to represent the conservation district on this group.

#### **WY Game & Fish Russian Olive Removal Demonstration**

- ★ Russian Olive demonstration June 9, 2010. Meet at WGFD office at 9:00. Lunch provided. RSVP by April 30<sup>th</sup> to Keith Shoup at (307)473-3424 or [keith.schoup@wgf.state.wy.us](mailto:keith.schoup@wgf.state.wy.us). Board members are welcome to attend.

#### **5. Grants Update – Lisa Ogden**

- a. Lab Funds Request for 2008/2010 Biennium was submitted.
- b. Request for additional funding if available was submitted as well.

#### **6. District Manager Update – Lisa Ogden**

- a. Home Show Update – Home show was successful with \$175.00 worth of polymer being sold and a lot of tree order forms handed out, as well as a lot of brochures and information.
- b. Mail received was discussed and duly noted.

#### **7. Old Business**

- a. Long Range Plan Timeline – Long Range Plan discussion took place this afternoon before the board meeting, and it was decided to have a first draft available for the June board meeting. Ms. Ogden was given permission to change some of the formatting, as well as add pictures as needed.
- b. Mailing for Rulon Gardner dinner – The board discussed adding a few people to add to the mailing list for the FFA Dinner with Rulon Gardner as the guest speaker. It was decided to add County Commissioners, City Council, and CPU board to the mailing list. The dinner will be held at the Poison Spider gymnasium on May 13, 2010.

#### **8. New Business**

- a. Town of Alcova – The town of Alcova is seeking NCCD as a sponsor along with RC&D to assist with grant research on the Memorial Garden to be built in Alcova. Kelly Burch moved to approve the sponsorship, with Richard Hallingstad seconding the motion. Motion passed with no discussion.
- b. Town of Edgerton – Park project moving slower than previously projected. It was discussed and approved to contribute trees to the city park from the new tree order this fall.

- c. Sage Grouse Community Conference – It was discussed to sponsor a sage grouse community conference as soon as more details about the initiative are known. Mary Schrader will inform the board when details are known. The board was willing to sponsor the conference.
- d. Upcoming Trainings – Available trainings were presented and discussed.
  - i. *Animal Behavior Workshop, Dr. Fred Provenza: April 13, 2010 from 10:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m. at American Legion Hall, Buffalo*
  - ii. *Sage-Grouse in NE Wyoming Community Workshop: April 21, 2010 at 5:00 p.m. at Clarion Western Plaza, Gillette*
  - iii. *Phase II Water Quality Training: April 21-23, 2010 at Inn at Lander*
  - iv. ***Wyoming Rangeland Management 101: April 27, 2010, 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. at Ag Extension Office – NCCD Sponsoring***
  - v. *2nd Annual Native Plant Species Seminar: April 27, 2010 from 8:00 – 5:00 p.m. at Teton Science School's Jackson Campus*
  - vi. ***AFO/CAFO Workshop: May 12, 2010, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. at Ag Extension Office – NCCD Sponsoring***
- e. Natrona County Rural Living Workshops – Presented and discussed.
  - i. *Limit the Threat – Bark Beetles and Firewood: May 19<sup>th</sup>, 2010 at 6:00 p.m.*
  - ii. *Forest Health: June 16<sup>th</sup>, 2010 from 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.*
- f. Upcoming Supervisor Training Webinars – Presented and discussed.
  - i. *Employee Policy: Wednesday, April 28<sup>th</sup>, 2010 at 7:00 p.m.*
  - ii. *Legislative Outreach: Tuesday, May 4<sup>th</sup>, 2010 at 7:00 p.m.*
  - iii. *Parliamentary Procedure: Wednesday, May 26<sup>th</sup>, 2010 at 7:00 p.m.*

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m. The next board meeting will be held May 11, 2010, at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Lisa Ogden.

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