

**Meeting Minutes**  
Board of Supervisors' Meeting

**Tuesday**  
**May 11, 2010, 7:00 p.m.**

The meeting was called to order at 7:06 p.m., May 11, 2010. In attendance were Chairman Tom Walters, Vice Chairman Tyrone Fittje, Treasurer Kelly Burch, and board members Richard Hallingstad and John Bentley. Also in attendance were Mary Schrader of NRCS, Tom Zimmerman and Mary Louise Zander from Business Resource Group and Lisa Ogden, District Manager.

1. **Announcements** –

★ Mary Louise Zander and Tom Zimmerman from BRG – Ms. Zander and Mr. Zimmerman presented the proposal for the I&E portion of the Kendrick Implementation Grant. They presented a draft of a “pre-survey” to be sent out to landowners in the Kendrick Watershed area. It was suggested to send it out along with the first newsletter to save on shipping. Tom Walters discussed also utilizing WREN as a tool to get information out to the correct audience, along with the Journal, Casper Star-Tribune, and the Wyoming Livestock Roundup. BRG was given the ok to proceed with the initial newsletter and questionnaire after some minor adjustments. It was moved by Kelly Burch and seconded by Tyrone Fittje to approve BRG’s plan of action. The motion passed unanimously without further discussion.

2. **April 6, 2010 Minutes** - It was moved by Kelly Burch and seconded by Richard Hallingstad to approve the minutes from April 6, 2010. Without further discussion, the minutes were approved.

3. **Unapproved Vouchers** - The unapproved vouchers for April 2010 were listed and questions were answered. It was moved by Tyrone Fittje to accept the unpaid voucher listing for payment, seconded by John Bentley. Motion approved without further discussion. It was moved by Tyrone Fittje and seconded by Kelly Burch to approve the pay for Lisa Ogden in advance for the month of May. The Status of Funds was presented. It was discussed to transfer the moneys in Hilltop National Bank savings account to WGIF until which time we find out what Natrona County Commissioners decide about our funding. It was moved by Kelly Burch and seconded by John Bentley to accept the Status of Funds. Motion passed without further discussion.

4. **District Conservationist Update** – Mary Schrader gave her report:

**FO Personnel Changes**

- ★ Kaitlin will be transferring to Pennsylvania. Her last day here will be May 21<sup>st</sup>.
- ★ SCEP student for the summer – Robert Boettcher. He will start May 24<sup>th</sup>.
- ★ Career Intern position – interviews completed, soil conservationist position offered, if accept start July 6

**NRCS 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

- ★ Video – Will watch at next meeting

### **Farm Bill Local Work Group Meeting**

- ★ July 8, 2010, USDA Service Center, 4:00 pm
- ★ Discuss ranking tool, statewide screening tool, all initiatives, payment rate guidelines for all programs
- ★ Encourage you to attend if possible – recommendations and/or suggestions

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

- ★ Sign-up ends May 14
- ★ Obligate contracts August 1
- ★ Limited interest in Natrona County
- ★ Training May 25-27

### **Russian Olive Demonstration**

- ★ Tentative date for Russian Olive removal demonstration, possibly mid August
- ★ Invite 3-4 contractors to demonstrate various types of equipment
- ★ Open to landowners

### **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.

### **Irrigation Assistance**

- ★ Landowner in Vista West, 1 ac flood ground
- ★ How to irrigate - John Bentley willing to help with this request

5. **Grants Update** – Lisa Ogden reported that the request for additional lab funds was approved for \$2041.36. Wolfes form will be submitted to Department of Agriculture for payment.
6. **District Manager Update** –
  - a. Lisa Ogden reported on the success of the Rangeland Management 101 class that was held in April, as well as the TMDL Steering Committee Meeting and public outreach meeting May 10, 2010. The AFO/CAFO meeting will be May 12, 2010, at 6:30 p.m. at the Ag Extension office.
  - b. Tree Sales were complete and trees were set to arrive Friday, May 14<sup>th</sup>. On the evening of the 14<sup>th</sup>, Richard Hallingstad volunteered to help to mark the boxes with the contents. John Bentley and Richard Hallingstad volunteered to help sort trees on Saturday, May 15<sup>th</sup>. The trees will be distributed over the weekend.
  - c. The City of Casper mailed NCCD their Funding Offer for FY 2012. Their offer is for \$12,500.00. It was discussed to attend the next Casper Public Utilities meeting to discuss the potential to raise this figure closer to the \$25,000.00 previously given to NCCD. Tom Walters, John Bentley, and Lisa Ogden will plan to attend the meeting on May 26<sup>th</sup>, 2010, at 7:00 a.m.
  - d. The new shipment of polymer was given to Tyrone Fittje to have his students assist in bagging and labeling.

**7. Old Business**

- a. The Long Range Plan will be discussed further at the June 2010 meeting.

**8. New Business**

- a. NCCD received the Department of Agriculture Board Member Election Information. Tom Walters and Kelly Burch are up for re-election this fall. Both Chairman Walters and Treasurer Burch indicated that they were not planning on running this fall, but would be looking for potential replacements.
- b. Upcoming Workshops were discussed.
  - i. *AFO/CAFO Workshop: May 12 2010, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. at Ag Extension Office – NCCD Sponsoring*
  - ii. *Weed Workshop & Nature Walk: May 14, 2010, 10:00 – 2:00 p.m. - Rotary Park, Casper Mountain*
- c. Natrona County Rural Living Workshops were 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.*
- d. Upcoming Supervisor Training Webinar was discussed.
  - i. *Parliamentary Procedure: Wednesday, May 26<sup>th</sup>, 2010 at 7:00 p.m.*

The next Board of Supervisor’s Meeting was set for June 8<sup>th</sup>, 2010, from 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.

It was moved by Kelly Burch and seconded by Tyrone Fittje to adjourn the Board Meeting. Meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lisa Ogden

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Tom Walters, Chairman

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Date

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Board Member

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Date