

Minutes
Regularly Scheduled Board of Supervisors' Meeting
Tuesday, March 15, 2011

Chairman Fittje called the meeting to order at 5:12 p.m. Also in attendance were John Bentley – Vice Chairman, Richard Hallingstad – Treasurer, Kelly Burch – Board Member, Andy Anderson – Board Member, Lisa Ogden – NCCD District Manager, and Adam Wyant – NRCS District Conservationist.

Guests at the meeting included, Cory Foreman – RESPEC, Justin Krajewski – RESPEC, Sean McGuire – InterTech, Brady Morris – InterTech, and joining later was Cathy Rosenthal – WACD Watershed Coordinator (by conference call), Nephi Cole – NRCS/WACD Watershed Coordinator (by conference call), Brian Connelly – NC Weed & Pest, and Dana Erdman – NC Weed & Pest.

1. Announcements –

Chairman Fittje officially welcomed Andy Anderson as a board member. A letter was received from Department of Agriculture regarding his approval for appointment.

2. Minutes –

Chairman Fittje called for a discussion regarding the meeting minutes for February 8, 2011*. Hearing no discussion, Kelly Burch moved to accept the minutes as presented, with Richard Hallingstad seconding. Motion passed.

3. Unapproved Vouchers/Status of Funds –

Lisa Ogden presented and discussed the list of unapproved vouchers and went through each expense. Due to tightening budget, it was discussed to discontinue the subscription to the Wyoming Livestock Roundup. It was moved by John Bentley and seconded by Kelly Burch to remove the expense from the unapproved voucher listing and pay the remaining vouchers. Motion passed.

4. District Conservationist Update –

Adam Wyant gave the District Conservationist Update. He discussed the status of the current EQIP applications that are preapproved for funding and that he and Shantel have been working on finalizing the paperwork to move the applications to contracts. Adam has also been working on getting up to speed on existing contracts and what all is going on in the office. After discussion with the board, the Local Work Group meeting was scheduled for April 7, 2011, at 7:00 p.m.

5. Grants Update –

Lisa Ogden gave the grants update.

- a. Kendrick Implementation Grant – The Spring Newsletter is ready to be mailed. BRG is working on an article for the Wyoming Livestock Roundup. A reimbursement request is being prepared as well as the quarterly report for the Department of Environmental Quality.
- b. Board of Agriculture Water Testing Grant – Water sampling has been accomplished for January and March of 2011. Full grant moneys have been received and deposited into the bank account.

6. District Manager Update –

Lisa Ogden gave the District Manager update.

- a. Tree Orders - 1662 trees have been sold to date (2nd Week in May for Delivery).
- b. WCDEA Employee Training – March 29th-31st, Lander* - Lab Funds will cover this training. It will include the Suitewater Training, QuickBooks, and other subjects.
- c. Module II Water Quality Training – April 13th, 14th & 15th, Lander – Lab Funds will cover this training.
- d. Home Show is March 18, 19 & 20th. There are several openings in the schedule where assistance is needed. (Please see the SIGN UP SHEET).
- e. WyRED is scheduled for June 20-24th, 2011. Tyrone Fittje has arranged to utilize NCHS to house the youth attending the camp, and potentially the NCHS cafeteria to provide the food, as well as potentially a couple of evening barbeques. Kelly Burch offered to contribute some beef burger for the camp.
- f. Ms. Ogden attended a webinar on State Funding and the various types of funding that are available through the Department of Agriculture.
- g. Discussed the mail received. The board discussed the request from Fourth Grade Foresters to fund sending trees to the fourth graders in the Casper area. Due to funding constraints, the board elected not to fund this project at this time.

7. Old Business

There was no old business for discussion.

8. New Business

- a. Upcoming opportunities were presented:
 - i. **Weeds & Grasshoppers Rural Living Workshop** – March 16th - UW Extension 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.
 - ii. **WCDEA Employee Training** – March 29th – 31st, Lander – Lab Funds
 - iii. **Healthy Grasses, Healthy Horses Rural Living Workshop** – April 6th – UW Extension 6-8 p.m.
 - iv. **Module II Water Quality Training** – April 13th, 14th & 15th, Lander – Lab Funds
 - v. **Edible Gardening RL Workshop** – April 27th, UW Extension 6-8 p.m.
- b. Presentations were made to the board, as well as to WACD Watershed Coordinators and Natrona County Weed & Pest personnel:
 - i. Cory Foreman, of RESPEC, presented a slideshow on the progress of the TMDL. Discussion ensued regarding ideas regarding the implementation plan for the TMDL. Both Cory Foreman and Justin Krajewski, of RESPEC, indicated that they would work very closely with the DEQ, NCCD, and InterTech to ensure a valuable 319 grant application by late summer.
 - ii. Brady Morris and Sean McGuire, of InterTech, presented the Yearly Water Quality Report and discussed their findings with RESPEC and the NCCD Board. Sampling sites and procedures were discussed, and the potential necessities for a few future sampling changes were conveyed.
 - iii. Dana Erdman and Brian Connely, of Natrona County Weed & Pest, presented their Upper North Platte River Weed Management Area Plan, and its objectives. The plan is an overall approach to form cooperative partnerships with agencies to effectively manage the Russian olive and salt cedar along the North Platte River drainage, as well as additional invasive plants. Kelly Burch made a motion to become a cooperating agency in this process, and Richard Hallingstad seconded the motion. The motion passed. There was discussion regarding the potential use of 319 funds to assist NC Weed & Pest in their efforts of riparian

restoration along the North Platte. The next meeting with responses and input from other potential partners is March 28th, 2011, at 1:00 p.m. in Wheatland, Wyoming.

Chairman Fittje asked for any other new business and there was none. The meeting date for the next NCCD Board Meeting was set for April 5th, 2011, at 7:00 p.m.

Chairman Fittje called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Kelly Burch motioned to adjourn the meeting and Richard Hallingstad seconded the motion. The board meeting was adjourned at 8:28 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lisa Ogden, District Manager

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