

Minutes
Regularly Scheduled Board of Supervisors Meeting
Tuesday, January 10, 2012 @ 6:00 p.m.

Vice-Chairman Bentley called the meeting to order at 6:10 p.m. Also in attendance were Kelly Burch – Supervisor, Richard Hallingstad – Treasurer, Andy Anderson – Supervisor, Adam Wyant – NRCS DC, Shantel King – NRCS, and Lisa Ogden – NCCD. Chairman Fittje joined at 6:15 p.m.

1. Announcements –

Lisa Ogden announced to the board that Xavier Montoya is leaving State Conservationist position.

2. Minutes –

The meeting minutes for December 13, 2011, were reviewed. Kelly Burch moved to approve the minutes as presented, and Richard Hallingstad seconded. Motion passed.

3. Unapproved Vouchers/Status of Funds –

Unapproved vouchers were discussed and expenses presented individually. With no further discussion, John Bentley moved to pay the vouchers and Kelly Burch seconded. Motion passed. The Status of Funds was distributed with the bank statements and discussed. The petty cash had an error which was fixed. With the appropriate correction, the Status of Funds was accepted.

4. District Conservationist Update –

Adam Wyant gave the District Conservationist Update. It was as follows:

Week of December 12th – 16th

Wednesday, Adam and Shantel completed a topo survey for WRP application.

Thursday, Shantel and Adam met with a customer and G&F (Colin Tierney) on some potential projects for WRP and EQIP in the future.

December 19 – January 2

Adam took vacation.

Shantel and Adam have been working on processing applications, conservation plans, maps, ranking, etc... for FY2012 EQIP, GRP, and WRP.

EQIP

9 applications for irrigation (county allocation)

6 applications for grazing (county allocation)

2 applications for SGI (state level)

1 WRP application

1 GRP application

1 CSP application

Upcoming events

CSP ranking period cutoff date has been extended to January 27, 2012 (tell your friends)

Office Closed Monday January 16th

5. Grants Update –

Lisa Ogden gave the Grants Update. It was as follows:

- Board of Agriculture Water Testing Grant – Lisa had a meeting with BRG to discuss the I&E portion of the Dept of Agriculture grant. It was determined to send a postcard to a small acreage mailing list (5-25 acres), and guide the recipients to the website for detailed information. The postcard will go out late in January. Scheduled water sampling is planned for either January 18th, 19th or 20th, depending upon the weather.
- TMDL Implementation Grant (North Platte River) – Lisa has been working with RESPEC to update the draft PIP that is due on January 17, 2012, since the grant is based completely on the TMDL Report. RESPEC has not received comments back from EPA on their TMDL to date.

6. District Manager Update –

Lisa Ogden gave the District Manager Update. It was as follows:

- There have been 439 tree orders to date.
- The Department of Agriculture has approved NCCD to utilize laboratory funds to purchase a computer, a projector, and a district camera, as well as pay for the Sampling Analysis Plan to be completed by InterTech. Lisa will research what is needed computer-wise to be able to run ArcGIS, and purchase the items. A budget report is due by February 15th, 2012, and purchases have to be made by June 30, 2012.

7. Old Business -

- Dave Sechrist, from Wyoming Financial, presented information to the board regarding retirement options for the District Manager. This information will be discussed further at a future board meeting.
- Ms. Ogden had received information from Willow Hibbs, of Game & Fish, regarding the grant funds for a project with a client. NCCD will be receiving the funds shortly, so that the fencing project can get underway this spring. No administrative fee can be taken from these funds.

8. New Business -

Upcoming opportunities were discussed:

- The Collaborative meeting with W&P, etc regarding North Platte River, January 11, 2012 in Douglas will be attended by Ms. Ogden to collaborate with other groups that are doing clean-up, sampling, weed removal, etc. on the North Platte River.
 - i. A Cocktail Farewell to Xavier Montoya – January 20, 2012, 5:00 p.m.
 Three Crowns Golf Club - \$15/person
 RSVP to Jill Binette @ 307-233-6750
 - ii. CAID Annual Meeting – February 10, 2012 @ 6:00 p.m.
 - iii. Legislative Training – February 21, 2012 – Cheyenne
 - iv. Certification Training – February 22-23, 2012 – Cheyenne
 - v. Home Show – March 16-18, 2012

The next monthly board meeting will be February 7, 2012, at 6:00 p.m. It is a week early due to Valentine’s Day on February 14th.

Submitted by Lisa Ogden,

Lisa Ogden, NCCD District Manager

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