

SWEETWATER COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT (SWCCD)
MONTHLY BOARD MEETING
Thursday August 6, 2020 - 4:00 p.m.
79 Winston Drive, Suite 103, Rock Springs, WY 82901

REGULAR MONTHLY BOARD MEETING

Call to Order

Mary Thoman, Chairman called to order the meeting of the Sweetwater County Conservation District (SWCCD) at 4:00 PM on **August 6, 2020**, at the Sweetwater County Conservation District, 79 Winston Drive, Suite 103, Rock Springs, WY 82901

Roll Call and Pledge of Allegiance

Mary Thoman, Chairman conducted a roll call and introductions. The following persons were present and via conference call.

Mary Thoman, Chairman and Rural Supervisor (SWCCD)
Tom Burris, Vice-Chairman and Rural Supervisor (SWCCD)
Jean Dickinson, Rural Supervisor (SWCCD)
Stephanie Anderson, Rural Supervisor (SWCCD)
Karen Pecheny, District Clerk (SWCCD)
Sharon Smith, Associate Supervisor (SWCCD)
Dennis Doncaster, Bureau of Land Management (BLM)

Absent: Joshua Coursey, Supervisor (SWCCD)

Minutes

A **motion** was made by Jean Dickinson, seconded by Tom Burris, to approve the July 8, 2020 regular minutes as written. Motion carried.

Budget Hearing

A **motion** was made by Tom Burris, seconded by Jean Dickinson, to approve the budget hearing minutes from July 15. Motion carried.

Agenda

A **motion** was made by Jean Dickinson, seconded by Tom Burris, to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report

A **motion** was made by Tom Burris, seconded by Stephanie Anderson, to approve the Treasurer's Report, and pay the bills in the amount of \$30,451.50. Motion carried.

Budget Message from A&I

The Board discussed linking the District's budget to the A&I (Wyoming Department of Administration & Information) website. WACD strongly encourages District's to post their budget on their websites. Staff is working on the website to create a link.

The Board discussed publishing agendas and approved minutes on the website. The Chairman asked members to think about adding those items to the website.

2020 F-32 Survey of Local Governments Form

Staff sent the Wyoming Department of Audit F-32 form, QuickBooks backup and bank statements to the accountant. The form is due September 30.

Special Reports

NRCS Report from Tiffany Hayes, Area Conservationist

- Written report was included in Supervisors packets. The Lyman/Rock Springs Service Centers have 48 active contracts. COVID19 office status – Lyman is in Phase 2 and Rock Springs remains in Phase 3.

Dennis Doncaster

- Doncaster will be attending the Killpecker Creek tour next week.

Unfinished Business

Bitter Creek Update

Staff will contact D & D Oilfield Services regarding the maintenance on the Drop Structure Project. The Board would like to move forward with adding grout on the structure.

Killpecker Creek Headcuts and Assessment Site Investigations

The Killpecker Creek assessment will be held August 12. Staff will contact the participants.

Long Range Use Plan & Policy (LRUPP)

The Board held a work session on the LRUPP before the regular Board Meeting. After discussion, legal will send a redlined draft the end of August to the Board for comments before it goes out to the public in October. The updated Plan is due December 31, 2020.

WACD Annual Awards Program

The District will submit names to the state for the awards program.

New Business

Pre-Decisional – Coalition of Local Governments (CLG)

- Chapter 29 Sage-Grouse Mitigation Credits 7-28-2020

A **motion** was made by Jean Dickinson, seconded by Tom Burris, to ratify the comments. Motion carried.

Annual Base Funding Requirements

Staff has submitted all the base funding requirements for August.

Area V Meeting

The Area V Meeting will be held on Friday, September 11. A virtual option has been proposed. Staff will send out the link to the meeting to the Board.

Supervisors Reports

Mary Thoman

- Attended the SWCCD Budget Hearing held on July 15.
- Attended the Coalition of Local Governments (CLG). The next CLG Meeting will be August 20 in Kemmerer.
- Attended the Powder River Basin Council, County Commission and the Wyoming Landscape Conservation Initiative (WLCI) Meetings. (virtual)

Tom Burris

- Attended the SWCCD Budget Hearing held on July 15.

Jean Dickinson

- Working on comments for the Forest Plan, Rock Springs RMP and reviewed the comments on the mitigation.

Stephanie Anderson

- Reported that recreation use is up at the Flaming Gorge Recreation Area, they are seeing a 347% increase on the Utah side and it is very busy.

Staff Reports

Karen Pecheny

- Attended the SWCCD Budget Hearing held on July 15.
- Working on the state funding checklist that is required from all Wyoming Conservation Districts to receive funding for FY 2021. (\$8,824) from the Wyoming Department of Agriculture. The first deadline is August 31.
- Working on access agreements for the Killpecker Creek tour and future water quality monitoring.

- Received an update from the Little Snake River Conservation District (LSRCD) small water program. Dawn Arnell, LSRCD, reported that five wells have been drilled in the last two months. The landowners and BLM will work to get the wells equipped with solar and tanks, lots of work has been completed and they are moving forward with the projects.
- The Board completed the convention survey and staff submitted their responses.

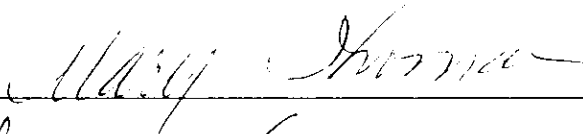
Public Comments

No public comments.

Information and Education

- USDA FS/NRCS Landscape Restoration - The information was included in Supervisors packets. Thoman thought this would be a good WLCI project.
- Candidate filings for Conservation Districts/Special Districts are August 5-24.
- WNRF Fundraiser: Gator Districts now on sale for \$25. each

A **motion** was made by Jean Dickinson, to adjourn the meeting at 5:35 p.m. The next meeting will be held on Thursday September 3, 2020, at 4:00 p.m. at the Sweetwater County Conservation District Office, 79 Winston Drive, Suite 103, Rock Springs, WY.

/s/  Chairman

/s/  Secretary

//Submitted by Karen Pecheny/