

SWEETWATER COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT (SWCCD)
MONTHLY BOARD MEETING
Thursday March 4, 2021- 4:00 p.m.
79 Winston Drive, Suite 103, Rock Springs, WY 82901

REGULAR MONTHLY BOARD MEETING

Call to Order

Tom Burris, Chairman called to order the meeting of the Sweetwater County Conservation District (SWCCD) at 4:00 PM on **March 4, 2021**, at the Sweetwater County Conservation District, 79 Winston Drive, Suite 103, Rock Springs, WY 82901

Roll Call and Pledge of Allegiance

Tom Burris, Chairman conducted a roll call and introductions. The following persons were present.

Tom Burris, Chairman and Rural Supervisor (SWCCD)
Jean Dickinson, Treasurer and Urban Supervisor, (SWCCD)
Stephanie Anderson, Secretary and Rural Supervisor (SWCCD)
Joshua Coursey, Vice-Chairman and At-Large Supervisor (SWCCD)
Karen Pecheny, District Clerk (SWCCD)
Dwight Bliss, Associate Supervisor (SWCCD)
Rick Breiniger, public
Dan Paetzold, public
Roy Lloyd, SWC Commissioner

Minutes

A **motion** was made by Jean Dickinson, seconded by Stephanie Anderson, to approve the February 4, 2021 regular minutes as written. Motion carried.

Agenda

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

Treasurer's Report

A **motion** was made by Jean Dickinson, seconded by Stephanie Anderson, to approve the Treasurer's Report, and pay the bills in the amount of \$21,690.02. Motion carried.

Sweetwater County Budget FY 2022

The Board received the county budget schedule. The budget form will be sent out on March 22. The budget is due to the County on Friday, April 23, by noon. Commissioner Lloyd will attend the April Board Meeting and budget work session.

First Bank designation of control person

A **motion** was made by, Joshua Coursey, seconded by Jean Dickinson, to designate Karen Pecheny, District Clerk, as the control person for First Bank. Motion carried.

2021 Department of Revenue Compliance Letter

The District is compliant for tax year 2021.

Special Reports

Roy Lloyd

- Lloyd introduced himself and said he was excited to attend the Conservation District meetings and learn more about public lands and conservation. Lloyd spoke about the county budgets for FY 2022 and reported on a 14-million-dollar deficit due to mineral devaluations.

Dwight Bliss – Board - SWCCD Office Update and Discussion

- Bliss has created a timeline for tasks, a floor plan of the new office space to lay out office furniture and equipment for the up-and-coming office move.
- Working with contractors to get estimates to move the IT and electrical services that are needed.
- Discussed the need to be out of the Gateway Office by the end of May. The county is currently working on an MOU for the District to review and sign.
- The District will look at the surplus office furniture from the county that will be available to county agencies next week.

Unfinished Business

Bitter-Killpecker Creek Update and Actions

WDA water quality grant for FY 2021-22

A **motion** was made by Jean Dickinson, seconded by Stephanie Anderson, to approve and submit the water quality grant for \$20,000.00. Motion carried.

Final report for the Bitter Creek Watershed Based Plan

Information was included in the supervisor packets.

Schedule BKWAG Meeting

The Board discussed holding the BKWAG meeting on April 13/April 27. Staff was directed to contact EDE Consulting on the best day.

New Business

WACD Legislative Update #5, #6

Information was included in supervisor's packets.

Local Government Liability Pool (LGLP) Renewal Membership Application

A **motion** was made by Jean Dickinson, seconded by Stephanie Anderson, to sign and submit the renewal application. Motion carried.

Community Enhancement Grant – Discuss and Advertise

The Board discussed the Community Enhancement Grant. Coursey said he spoke with three interested parties who may submit grants. Grants are due by April 1, 2021.

Supervisors Reports

Tom Burris

- Reported on the conflict-of-interest memorandum (2-1-2006) and resolution. Burris asked the Board to review the resolution and conflict of interest and disclosure requirements. Burris asked to have comments ready for the April meeting. Staff was directed to add for discussion to the April Board meeting.

Jean Dickinson

- Attended the CLG meeting in Kemmerer, working on the travel plans updates (Wyoming, Colorado and Utah border) and comments. Working on wild horses with the sage grouse and drought issues.

Stephanie Anderson

- Reported and attended the Sweetwater County Outdoor Collaborative meeting. Anderson said there was very good participation and discussion regarding the development of biking and hiking trails.
- Reported on the increased recreation area use on the Ashley National Forest Recreation Area. Stephanie said that reservations are booked up past summer of 2021. (use is up by 300%)

Joshua Coursey

- Reported and attended the Sweetwater County Outdoor Collaborative meeting. The group is looking at all recreational trails. Coursey said the meeting was well represented.
- Reported on and attended the Wyoming Governor's Big Game License Coalition meeting. The license plates have allocated 1.2 million dollars that were generated from the 2020 license plate sales.
- Reported that the Wildlife Task Force has not set a date yet, as they would like to meet in person – potentially in June and July 2021.

Staff Reports

Karen Pecheny

- Attended the February CLG meeting via conference call.
- Sent a press release for the Community Enhancement Grant.
- Worked on the WDA water quality grant for the 2021-22 Biennium. The grant is due by March 15.
- Spoke with Kent Felderman regarding the roads database compilation and cleanup work. Felderman relayed he would be available to give the Board an update at their request.

Information and Education

The District received from the Rock Springs Field Office a Renewal for the Conservation District Boundary sign between Sublette and Sweetwater County on Highway 191 North.

Executive Session

The Board postponed going into executive session to discuss the SWCCD Conservation District rural supervisor vacancy position. The Board will review all submitted applications for the April 1, Board meeting.

A **motion** was made by Joshua Coursey, to adjourn the meeting at 6:08 p.m. The next meeting will be held on Thursday, April 1, 2021, at 4:00 p.m. with a budget work session at 3:00 pm. at the SWCCD Office, 79 Winston Drive, Suite 103, Rock Springs, WY.

/s/ Tom Burns _____ Chairman

/s/ Stephanie Anderson _____ Secretary
//Submitted by Karen Pecheny/