

SWEETWATER COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT (SWCCD)  
MONTHLY BOARD MEETING  
Wednesday June 9 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 **June 9, 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)  
Larry Folks, Rural Supervisor (SWCCD)  
Karen Pecheny, District Clerk (SWCCD)  
Dwight Bliss, Associate Supervisor (SWCCD)  
Rick Breininger, Associate Supervisor (SWCCD)  
Jeff Lewis, Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS)  
Kenneth Reed, public

Absent: Stephanie Anderson, Rural Supervisor (SWCCD)

Jean Dickinson shared Franklin Roosevelt's D-Day Prayer from June 6, 1944.

**Minutes**

A **motion** was made by Jean Dickinson, seconded by Larry Folks, to approve the May 6, 2021 regular minutes as written. Motion carried.

**Agenda**

A **motion** was made by Jean Dickinson, seconded by Larry Folks, to amend the agenda and add the SWCCD letter to Governor Gordon regrading Carbon Capture and Storage under New Business. Motion carried.

**Treasurer's Report**

A **motion** was made by Jean Dickinson, seconded by Larry Folks, to approve the Treasurer's Report, and pay the bills in the amount of \$62,450.48. Motion carried.

The SWCCD Budget Hearing will be held on Wednesday, July 14, at 10:00 a.m. Staff will send out a reminder.

## Special Reports

### Jeff Lewis, Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS)

- Recently completed a leadership program and said the agency is shorthanded.
- Nate Matlack is now the acting Area Conservationist. (AC)
- Finished all contracting for Sweetwater and Uinta Counties.
- Reported on a Soil Health Day in Lonetree, WY. Lewis will send out the information. (September 8)

## Unfinished Business

### Drop Structure Maintenance

Folks said he would make contact with D&D regarding the maintenance.

### EDE Professional Services

The information was included in Supervisor packets.

### Dwight Bliss, SWCCD Office Update and Discussion

- Reported on the moving schedule and timeline for the new office space in Green River. (behind schedule – possible mid/late June completion)
- Rock Springs SWCCD office phones will be shut off and transferred to the Green River office to take messages. (307-875-4995)

### Special Meeting

The Board scheduled a June 24 meeting to pay the final payment from small water. Staff will send out a reminder to the Board and advertise the meeting. (8:00 am phone call).

## New Business

### Pre-Decisional -CLG comments

Draft Environmental Assessment (EA) for the Raven Solar Energy Project.

A **motion** was made by Jean Dickinson, seconded by Larry Folks, to ratify the comments that were submitted. Motion carried.

### Annual Awards Program

Staff was directed to add to the July 1<sup>st</sup> agenda for discussion.

### BLM Project Close-out letter expires 9-30-21

Staff will check on the close-out procedures and check with Justin Caudill on another agreement with BLM.

## “Letter to Wyoming Leaders” Governor Gordon Letter

Dickinson discussed the letter regarding carbon capture. The District’s support of urging the state governor to do whatever is necessary to launch at least one carbon-capture retrofit of a coal-power unit in Wyoming this year. The Coalition of Local Governments (CLG) will be discussing the letter on June 24 in Kemmerer.

A **motion** was made by Jean Dickinson, seconded by Larry Folks, to direct legal to send the letter out on our letterhead. Motion carried. (version 2)  
Staff will send legal an updated letterhead.

## **Supervisors Reports**

### Tom Burris

- Spoke with the permittees about livestock water projects in Farson.

### Jean Dickinson

- Worked on and reviewing the Governor Gordon Letter.

### Larry Folks

- Reported on contacting D&D for the Drop Structure repair work. Folks said the contractor is tied up and will follow up with them again.

## **Staff Reports**

### Karen Pecheny

- Submitted the State Budget to the Wyoming Department of Audit and the county. The budget was due by June 1.
- Continuing to work on the office move and packing the office. Sweetwater County Fire Department will be contacting staff to set up a time to assess the move.
- The Little Snake River Conservation District (LSRCD) requested to meet with the SWCCD Board. Staff was directed to schedule a 2:00 p.m. work session.

## Information and Education

Governor Gordon statement on the Biden Administration 30x30 Report. The information was included in Supervisor packets.

A **motion** was made by Jean Dickinson, seconded by Larry Folks, to table the executive session meeting until the July 1, Board Meeting. Motion carried.

A **motion** was made by Tom Burris, to adjourn the meeting at 6:35p.m. The next meeting will be held on Thursday, July 1, 2021, at 4:00 p.m. at the Sweetwater County Conservation District Office 550 Uinta Drive, Suite E, Green River, WY.

/s/ Tom Berries Chairman

/s/ Stephanie Anderson Secretary

//Submitted by Karen Pecheny/