

SWEETWATER COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT (SWCCD)  
MONTHLY BOARD MEETING  
Thursday March 3, 2022- 4:00 p.m.  
550 Uinta Drive, Suite E, Green River, WY 82935

**REGULAR MONTHLY BOARD MEETING**

**Call to Order**

**Larry Folks, Vice-Chairman** called to order the meeting of the Sweetwater County Conservation District (SWCCD) at 4:00 PM on **March 3, 2022**, at the Sweetwater County Conservation District, 550 Uinta Drive, Suite E, Green River, WY 82935

**Roll Call and Pledge of Allegiance**

**Larry Folks, Vice-Chairman** conducted a roll call and introductions. The following persons were present.

Larry Folks, Vice-Chairman and Rural Supervisor, (SWCCD)  
Jean Dickinson, Treasurer and Urban Supervisor, (SWCCD)  
Stephanie Anderson, Secretary and Rural Supervisor, (SWCCD)  
Henry Bliss, At-Large Supervisor, (SWCCD)  
Karen Pecheny, District Administrator, (SWCCD)  
Justin Caudill, Wyoming Department of Agriculture, (WDA)  
Roy Lloyd, SWC Commissioner

Absent: Chairman Tom Burris, (SWCCD)

**Minutes**

A **motion** was made by Jean Dickinson, seconded by Stephanie Anderson, to approve the February 3, 2022 regular and work session 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 Henry Bliss, to approve the Treasurer's Report, and pay the bills in the amount of \$24,914.38. Motion carried.

**Sweetwater County Budget FY 2023**

The Board received the county budget schedule. The budget form will be sent out on March 7. The budget is due to the county on Friday, April 8, by noon. The Commissioners will meet with everyone requesting funding. Budget workshops are scheduled on Mondays from 4:00 – 5:30 through March, April, May and June.

## Fiscal Year 2023 Budget Work Session

The Board set the fiscal year budget work session for Thursday, April 7, at 2:00 p.m.

### **Special Reports**

#### Roy Lloyd

- Lloyd will continue to attend SWCCD Board Meetings when his schedule allows.
- Lloyd gave an update on the restructure of County Fire Department. The decision on whether to dismantle or keep the Sweetwater County Fire Department in an attempt to maximize efficiencies and reduce redundancies in firefighting efforts in Sweetwater County. A decision will be made on March 15.
- Lloyd will send staff information on the Sweetwater County Fire Department restructure.

#### Justin Caudill

- Caudill reported on potential funding for the Rangeland Health Assessment Program (RHAP).
- Reported on the Wyoming Association of Conservation District (WACD) Supervisor/Employee training that was recently held in Cheyenne.
- Caudill reported on potential candidates are being interviewed for the Executive Director position for the Wyoming Association of Conservation District (WACD). UPDATE: Kellie Little named Executive Director.

### **Unfinished Business**

#### Bitter-Killpecker Creek Update and Actions

##### Drop Structure Update

- Folks met with Mike Brown, Inberg Miller Engineers, Bryan Englehart, D&D Construction, along with Chairman Tom Burris at the project site, to discuss and finalize construction.
- Folks will contact D&D to send the office a quote on the maintenance on the drop structure.

#### LSRCD Boundary Discussion

Staff will add the boundary discussion to the April 7, Board Meeting.

#### EDE Consultants, Pet Waste Memo and Rock Springs Water and Sewer Districts Letter and the SWCCD Bitter Creek Watershed-Based Plan Septic Systems Evaluation Project

##### 2-1-22 Pet Waste Collection Stations Memo:

EDE providing potential pet waste collection station locations within Rock Springs in areas currently uncontrolled by existing stations, where dog walking/exercise may occur close to Bitter or Killpecker Creeks, and therefore where the creeks may receive runoff discharge containing pet wastes that contributes to the *E. coli* impairments.

Bitter Creek Watershed Based Plan Septic Systems Evaluation Project 2-24-22

EDE providing an update memo to the Board on information collected on septic systems and wastewater management within and around Rock Springs and how it relates to the WDEQ *E. coli* impairments and next steps for the project.

Bitter Creek Watershed Septic System review 2-24-22

Draft Letter for Rock Springs Water and Sewer Districts

EDE submitted a letter for review by the board prior to sending it out to all five Rock Springs area water and sewer districts. It is designed to meet recommendation #4 in the septic systems review memo.

A **motion** was made by Jean Dickinson, seconded by Stephanie Anderson, to amend the Rock Springs Water and Sewer Districts letter to include the district's ongoing plan to address the impairment stream listings and send to the Rock Springs Water and Sewer Districts. Motion carried.

Schedule BKWAG Meeting – April

The Board discussed holding the BKWAG meeting in April, consensus was made the second week of April. Staff will contact Tom Burris on the second week in April.

WDA Water Quality Grant Interim Report (Watershed Based Planning and Data Collection)

A **motion** was made by Jean Dickinson, seconded Henry Bliss, to ratify the interim report that was submitted. Motion carried.

**New Business**

Pre-Decisional – Coalition of Local Governments (CLG) Comments

- Proposed rule to revise definition of “Waters of the United States” 2-7-22
- Notice of Intent to Amend Land Use Plans Re: Greater Sage Grouse EIS 2-7-22
- CLG's Comments on the Ashley National Forest Plan Revision Draft EIS 2-17-22
- Proposed Rule for Disapproval of Air Quality Plan – Regional Haze 2-17-22

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

Local Government Liability Pool (LGLP) Renewal Membership Application

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

WACD Legislative Update #3, #4

Information was included in Supervisor's packets.

### Local Work Group Meeting

The Board set the Local Work Group Meeting for Thursday, April 7 at 3:00 p.m.

### Supervisors Reports

#### Jean Dickinson

- Attended the Coalition of Local Governments (CLG) meeting in Kemmerer and worked with legal on various CLG comments that were submitted.

#### Stephanie Anderson

- Announced that retired forest service rangers Rick Schuler and Rowdy Muir, are now consultants for the Coalition of Local Governments (CLG).
- Reported that the Forest Service is starting a plan on the Flaming Gorge as it relates to low water elevation impacts, i.e., marinas etc. (Cedar Springs is in a bind).

#### Larry Folks

- Reported on the drop structure maintenance options. Construction should begin within the next couple of weeks.
- Attended the Green River Reclamation Meeting held in Green River. The committee is currently reviewing the compilation of results from the Greenbelt Working Group comments. The subcommittee will look at the re-use of the lands currently associated with the Wastewater Treatment Plant. Folks believes this is a six-year project.

#### Henry Bliss

- Reported on the new website and design. The website is updated, refreshed, secure and up and running.
- Bliss ordered components for the teleconference capabilities. (Zoom, GoToMeeting etc. for the television).

### Staff Reports

#### Karen Pecheny

- Attended and presented an update to the Sweetwater County Commission Board Meeting. Topics included the district's legislative authorities, Land and Resource Use Plan and Policy, the Bitter Creek Watershed Based Plan, Bitter Creek Drop Structure and the Community Enhancement Grant.
- Attended the February CLG meeting via conference call.
- Advertised the Community Enhancement Grant. Grant applications are due by Monday, April 4, 2022
- Worked on the WDA Water Quality Grant Interim Report. The interim report was due March 1. The grant expires on December 30, 2022.

- Sent out information to all 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade Green River students, the 2022 Wyoming State Arbor Day Poster Contest. Sponsored by Project Learning Tree Wyoming on the 2022 Wyoming State Arbor Day Poster Contest.
- Received the 2021 Department of Revenue Compliance Letter. The District is compliant for tax year 2021.
- The trees will be delivered via UPS to the SWCCD Office. The **nursery would cover the cost of shipping the trees**, and since there would be no delivery truck sent out, there would be **no fuel surcharge**, so there would be some savings.

Public Comments

No Public Comments

Information and Education

The District received an invite to the Flaming Gorge Working Group Meeting. The meeting will be held on March 17 at 10am via WebEx.

A **motion** was made by Jean Dickinson, to adjourn the meeting at 6:00 p.m. The next meeting will be held on Thursday, April 7, 2022, at 4:00 p.m. with a budget work session at 2:00 p.m. and the Local Work Group Meeting scheduled for 3:00 p.m. at the SWCCD Office, 550 Uinta Drive, Suite E, Green River, WY.

*/s/ Jim Buzza* \_\_\_\_\_ Chairman

*/s/ Stephanie Anderson* \_\_\_\_\_ Secretary  
 //Submitted by Karen Pecheny/