

SWEETWATER COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT (SWCCD)  
MONTHLY BOARD MEETING  
Thursday July 7, 2022 - 4:00 p.m.  
550 Uinta Drive, Suite E, Green River, WY 82935

**REGULAR MONTHLY BOARD MEETING**

**Call to Order**

**Tom Burris, Chairman** called to order the meeting of the Sweetwater County Conservation District (SWCCD) at 3:55 PM on **July 7, 2022**, at the Sweetwater County Conservation District, 550 Uinta Drive, Suite E, Green River, WY 82935

**Roll Call and Pledge of Allegiance**

**Tom Burris, Chairman** conducted a roll call and introductions. The following persons were present and/or via conference call.

Tom Burris, Chairman and Rural Supervisor (SWCCD)  
Larry Folks, Vice-Chairman and Rural Supervisor (SWCCD)  
Jean Dickinson, Urban Supervisor (SWCCD)  
Stephanie Anderson, Rural Supervisor (SWCCD)  
Henry Bliss, At-Large Supervisor (SWCCD)  
Karen Pecheny, District Administrator (SWCCD)  
Roy Lloyd, Sweetwater County Commission (SWC)  
Dave Divis, Sweetwater County Assessor (SWC)  
Rick Breininger, Associate Supervisor (SWCCD)

**Minutes**

A **motion** was made by Jean Dickinson, seconded by Larry Folks, to approve the June 2, 2022 regular minutes as written. Motion carried.

**Agenda**

A **motion** was made by Jean Dickinson, seconded by Henry Bliss, to modify the agenda to include the discussion from SWC Assessor Dave Divis on the conservation district boundary change, mil levy, tax districts and 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 \$7,054.95. Motion carried.

**SWCCD Budget Hearing - July 13**

A Budget Hearing will be held on **July 13, at 10:00 a.m.** at the SWCCD office, a teleconference will be available for calling in. Staff will send out a reminder.

## Special Reports

### Dave Divis, SWC Assessor

- Divis attended and remarked on the new conservation district boundary between Little Snake and Sweetwater County CD and the ownership, land value concerns and what kind of revenue that would generate on land ownership, not the minerals. The focus is on trying to identify the landowners and the land value.
- Divis said his preference would have been to keep the new lines on tax district boundaries, as there are now four tax district boundaries, within the new boundary. Divis was surprised the Department of Revenue did not ask for input from Sweetwater County. Divis said he could make this work and can answer any questions that the Board may have.
- Divis will make sure he has the information available for the SWC Commission Meeting on July 19<sup>th</sup>.
- Divis reported the county clerk handles how the ballot question will move forward for the November general election. If everything is approved the tax bills will go out in the fall of 2023.

### Roy Lloyd, SWC Commissioner

- Attended and reported on the Coalition of Local Governments Meeting. Lloyd sees the benefits and believes Sweetwater County is very well represented at the meetings. Lloyd will speak with Kent Connelly, CLG consultant and Jeff Comstock, with Moffatt County, UT.
- The SWC Commission will meet with Little Snake River Conservation District to discuss the placement of a 1 mil assessed valuation on the ballot for lands in Sweetwater County in the Little Snake River Conservation District at their next Board meeting on July 19.

### Rick Breininger, Associate Supervisor

- Mentioned an event for July 16, at the Red White Buffalo shop in Green River. Rick will have his wares for sale that day.

## Unfinished Business

### Drop Structure Project

- Folks talked to Bryan Englehart, D&D Construction, several times. D&D will start the repair work around July 18, unless we get a lot of rain. Bryan has not had a chance to speak with engineer Michael Brown. Folks believes that we could go ahead and start on the project and consult with engineer as needed.

### WDA Interim Report –Bitter Creek Watershed Sampling and BMP Evaluations

The report was included in supervisors' packets. Staff submitted the yearly plan, Interim Report. The grant expires June 30, 2024.

A **motion** was made by Jean Dickinson, seconded by Henry Bliss, to ratify the Interim Report. Motion carried.

### Bitter Creek signs

At the June water quality monitoring, EDE checked out the stream restoration and beautification reach north of West Center Street downstream of the West South Side Belt Route Bitter Creek Bridge. The Board discussed the new pathways and unrestricted access for pedestrians and pets to the water in Bitter Creek and Sweetwater Creek, and several seeps along the trail. It would be easy to imagine kids using the trail and wandering over and playing near/in the water.

Staff will contact EDE to do a write up regarding the health hazards and water quality impairments in Bitter Creek to help address potential water contacts in the Creeks and the need for signage. The memo will then be sent to the county health office, county commission and the BKWAG group.

### Secretary of State/ WY Board of Ag filings – New Conservation District boundary lines

The District received the paperwork from the Secretary of State's Office on the new boundary lines. Little Snake River Conservation District filed with the Department of Revenue.

### Special District filings August 10-29

Staff will submit the supervisor applications in August.

### Bureau of Land Management Rock Springs Field Office – Renewal Conservation District Right of Way Boundary Signs on Highway for Sublette and Sweetwater County Conservation District

The Board signed the Right of Way boundary signs and staff will send to the Rock Springs Field Office. The sign is located on Highway 28. The ROW is issued for 20 years or more and will be reviewed on the 20<sup>th</sup> year.

## **New Business**

### Pre-Decisional – Coalition of Local Governments (CLG) Re:

- Protest Wild Horse Mgmt. RS/Rawlins Field Offices Proposed RMP Amendment and FEIS 6-6-22
- WY Public Service Commission's Notice of Application of Rocky Mtn. Power's Application to Increase Rates 6-10-22
- Notice to Prepare an EIS for the Dry Creek Trona Mine 6-17-22
- RMP 2021 IRP Update 4-22-22

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

### WDA Intent to Use Lab Funds 23-24 Biennium

The Board reviewed the lab funds statement. After discussion, the Chairman signed the form and staff will submit for lab funds allocation in the amount of \$3,882.00 over the two-year biennium.

### SWCCD August 4 Board Meeting

The SWCCD Board will meet by conference phone on Thursday, August 4, starting at 4:00 p.m.

## **Supervisors Reports**

### Tom Burris

- Attended the Coalition of Local Governments (CLG) Meeting in June. The next CLG Meeting will be July 21st in Kemmerer.

### Jean Dickinson

- Attended the Coalition of Local Governments (CLG) Meeting in June.

### Stephanie Anderson

- Anderson said they have a new District Ranger, Brian Wilson, from Trappers Job Corp. out of Montana.
- Anderson said that on July 14, two Wyoming congressional delegates will be out at Flaming Gorge, this will help them see the gorge before the preparation and development of the Flaming Gorge Management Plan and the Environmental Assessment process.

### Larry Folks

- Attended the Coalition of Local Governments (CLG) Meeting in June.

Henry Bliss

- The state audit and proof of cash report is now due on September 30, this has been moved up one month. Bliss will be working with staff to submit the report before the deadline.

Staff Reports

Karen Pecheny

- Reported on and submitted the Interim Report for the WDA Water Quality Grant for Bitter Creek.
- Sent in the amended budget for FY 2023. Worked on entering Fiscal Year 2023 Budget into QuickBooks and the State Budget form. The final budget is due July 31 to the state and county.
- The District held a check presentation to Simply Sunshine Nursery. Supervisors Burris and Bliss attended and the article was featured in Sweetwater Now.

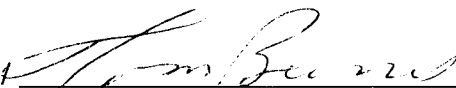
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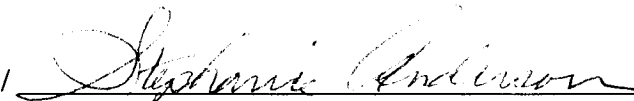
No public comments.

Information and Education

Information was included in supervisors' packets.

A **motion** was made by Larry Folks, to adjourn the meeting at 5:55 p.m. The next meeting will be held on Thursday August 4, 2022, at 4:00 p.m. at the Sweetwater County Conservation District Office, 550 Uinta Drive, Suite E, Green River, WY.

/s/  Chairman

/s/  Secretary

//Submitted by Karen Pecheny/