

SWEETWATER COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT (SWCCD)  
MONTHLY BOARD MEETING  
Thursday May 4, 2023 – 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 4:00 PM on **May 4, 2023**.

**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)  
Henry Bliss, Member and At-Large Supervisor, (SWCCD)  
Karen Pecheny, District Administrator, (SWCCD)

Absent: Stephanie Anderson, and Larry Folks, Rural Supervisors

**Minutes**

A **motion** was made by Jean Dickinson, seconded by Henry Bliss, to approve the April 6, 2023 and budget work session, minutes as written. Motion carried.

**Agenda**

A **motion** was made by Jean Dickinson, seconded by Henry Bliss, 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 \$11,086.51. Motion carried.

**Sweetwater County Budget FY 2024**

The Commissioners will meet on **May 16**, from 1:30 to 5:00 with Component Units and Outside Agencies requesting amounts over \$200,000 in funding from the County. Tom Burris will attend, and staff will reach out to all supervisors.

The SWCCD Budget Hearing will be held on Thursday, July 13, at 10:00 a.m. by teleconference. Staff will send out a reminder.

## **Unfinished Business**

### **Bitter-Killpecker Creek Update and Action Drop Structure Update**

- Per Larry, the structure is still intact and there is a good amount of water coming down over the drop.
- Requesting quotes/scoping with contractor.

### **BKWAG Meeting**

The meeting will be held on May 25 from 9:30 -11:30 at the White Mountain Library. Staff will set up a zoom for out-of-town guests and invite Robert Keith, WG&F.

### **Forest Service Collaborative**

After discussion:

A **motion** was made by Jean Dickinson, seconded by Henry Bliss, to work with legal to draft a letter to Sweetwater and Daggett County to go on record to form a Forest Service Collaborative. Motion carried.

- The Board discussed holding a zoom meeting with Richard Stem, CLG Consultant.
- Staff was directed to invite Richard Stem to a June 8 work session zoom meeting.
- Encourage Daggett county and Conservation Districts and Sweetwater County and Conservation District.

## **New Business**

Pre-Decisional – Coalition of Local Governments (CLG) comments re:

- BLM's Third QTR Proposed Oil/Gas Lease Sale Draft EA 4-10-23
- Proposed Buckboard Marina Boundary Realignment 4-21-23

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

### **Health Insurance Renewal**

Received the Delta Dental and Health Insurance Renewal. Health insurance premiums increased slightly 7.5%. The dental insurance premiums decreased this year.

A **motion** was made by Henry Bliss, seconded by Jean Dickinson, to ratify the health insurance renewal. Board carried.

## **Supervisors Reports**

### **Tom Burris**

- Attended and reported on the zoom meeting work session with LSRCD.

- Worked with the Farson FFA teachers and school principal on their green house and tree program.

Jean Dickinson

- Attended the zoom meeting with the Little Snake River Conservation District.
- Attended and reported on the Coalition of Local Governments (CLG) April Meeting held in Lyman.

Henry Bliss

- Worked on the TV zoom teleconference.

Public Comments

No Public Comments.

**Staff Reports**

Karen Pecheny

- Attended via Zoom portions of the WACD training held April 11-12.
- Attended the Coalition of Local Governments (CLG) April meeting to take minutes.
- The Ray Lovato “Trees for Recyclables Day” will be held on Saturday May 13. Staff will work and attend the event.
- Worked on the county budget form for fiscal year 2024 and will be working on the State Budget which is due June 1st.
- The trees will be delivered on Friday May 5. Staff will work on separating the trees for customers.

Information and Education

SGIT Subcommittee is actively working on the review of the State's SG Core Area Map.

Local Work Group Meetings - Southwest, May 30, Green River, 1pm, G&F Regional Office

June Meeting - Will be held on Thursday, June 8, 2023

A **motion** was made by Jean Dickinson, to adjourn the meeting at 5:20 p.m. The next meeting will be held on Thursday, June 8, 2023, at 4:00 p.m. at the SWCCD Office, 550 Uinta Drive, Suite B, Green River, WY.

*Tom Currie* \_\_\_\_\_ Chairman

*Stephani Anderson* \_\_\_\_\_ Secretary

//Submitted by Karen Pecheny/