

SWEETWATER COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT (SWCCD)
MONTHLY BOARD MEETING
Monday July 1, 2024 - 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 **July 1, 2024**, at 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.

Tom Burris, Chairman and Rural Supervisor (SWCCD)
Larry Folks, Vice-Chairman and Rural Supervisor (SWCCD)
Jean Dickinson, Treasurer and Urban Supervisor, (SWCCD)
Stephanie Anderson, Secretary and Rural Supervisor (SWCCD)
Justin Caudill, Program Coordinator, (WDA)
Cherette Bonomo, Range Specialist, (USFS)
Karen Pecheny, District Administrator (SWCCD)

Absent: Henry Bliss, Supervisor (SWCCD)

Minutes

A **motion** was made by Jean Dickinson, seconded by Stephanie Anderson, to approve the June 6, 2024 regular minutes as written. Motion carried.

Agenda

A **motion** was made by Jean Dickinson, seconded by Larry Folks, 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 \$16,801.03. Motion carried.

Special Reports

Justin Caudill

- Attended the Western State Tour recently held in Pinedale.
- Caudill is now on the Board for the Western Water Association, highlighting Sublette County CD and the Colorado River Compact.

- Reported on the Special Districts Supervisor and staff training. The paperwork was due by June 30, 2024, to the Department of Audit. (by statute)
- Caudill will send out an email regarding WLCI and its request to fill a seat on the Executive Committee. WLCI will be holding an Executive Committee Meeting on July 9, at Seedskaadee. Supervisor Anderson will be attending the meeting.

Cherette Bonomo

- Announced today that Kristy Groves is the new forest supervisor on the Ashley National Forest.
- Reported that the Sweetwater County Weed & Pest has been doing a lot of spraying on the National Recreation Area.

Unfinished Business

Bitter-Killpecker Creek Update and Actions

Drop Structure

- Held an on-site visit for the project with SWCCD, WWC, LSRCD, and SWC engineer. Folks reported on the discussion held earlier today which included: core drilling, possible radar options, and camera inspections.
- WWC engineering will get SWCCD a next step process and a proposal for work to find a solution that would work.

Water Quality Monitoring

The June water quality monitoring has been completed by WWC.

WWC Project Work Order #2 Proposal FY 2025

A work order was submitted outlining tasks and estimated costs for WWC to complete Bitter Creek Project work for SWCCD Fiscal 2025. (June 2025)

A **motion** was made by Jean Dickinson, seconded by Larry Folks, to sign and submit work order #2 to WWC. Motion carried.

Cattle Chute

- Burris reported the chute is still under repair.
- Bliss will have the form updated and ready for review at the August Board meeting.

Bitter Creek WQ Grant – BMP Evaluations Final Report 6-30-24

Bitter Creek WQ Grant Drop Structure – Interim Report 6-30-24

A **motion** was made by Jean Dickinson, seconded by Stephanie Anderson, to accept both reports. Motion carried.

WDA Intent to Use Lab Funds 2025-26 Biennium-sign

A **motion** was made by Jean Dickinson, seconded by Larry Folks; to sign and submit the intent to use lab funds, these funds will assist Sublette County Conservation District to do the monitoring on the Little Sandy in Sweetwater County. Motion carried.

New Business

Pre-Decisional – CLG Comments Re:

- Coalition of Local Governments' Comments on the Bureau of Land Management's Draft Resource Management Plan Amendment and Environmental Impact Statement for Greater Sage-Grouse Range Wide Planning 6-13-24

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

Area V Meeting - SWCCD Host

The Board discussed the area meeting to be held in September. Staff will send out information from WACD when it becomes available. Other discussion included the Hampton Inn in Green River as a venue.

Staff will contact speakers to potentially speak on the Rock Springs RMP, or other topics.

Maverik Subdivision

The property is in Jamestown across from the current Love's gas station on Highway 374. Supervisor Bliss worked on the Maverick Subdivision. Soils information was available. Staff will send in the paperwork to the Sweetwater County Planning Office.

Terra Power – Kemmerer Power Station Unit 1 Meeting Announcement.

Staff received and handed out the public meeting information. The Rock Springs meeting will be held at the Holiday Inn on July 16, starting at 5:30 PM.

Supervisors Reports

Tom Burris

- Attended and reported on the State Joint Agriculture Meeting that was held at the college. The committee wanted to hear concerns from the agricultural landowners in Sweetwater County. Burris reached out to other landowners to attend. Discussion included: State funding through federal funds to help replace aging pivots.
- Burris will research more information at the Irrigation District as it relates to center pivots.
- Burris attended the drop structure tour and meeting held earlier today.

Jean Dickinson

- Reported the next Coalition of Local Governments (CLG) meeting to be held on July 17, in Lyman at 10 AM.

Stephanie Anderson

- Attended and reported on the county road 1 construction. The county commissioners will meet next week and reported that the county did receive a bid for road construction.
- Anderson attended the drop structure tour and meeting held earlier today.

Larry Folks

- Attended and reported on the drop structure tour and meeting held earlier today.

Staff Reports

Karen Pecheny

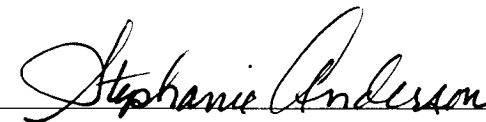
- Reported on and submitted the Interim Report and Final Grant Report for two WDA Water Quality Grants for Bitter Creek. (Drop Structure) (BMP)
- Sent in the amended budget for FY 2024. Worked on entering Fiscal Year 2025 Budget into QuickBooks and on the State Budget form. The final budget is due July 31 to the state and county.
- Attended the drop structure tour and meeting held earlier today.
- Requested some IT work for QuickBooks cleanup and carpet cleaning.
- Reported on the notary application/renewal form.

Information and Education

- RSFO Wild Horse Removal HMA
- RSFO 2024 Rangeland Monitoring/Assessment

A **motion** was made by Stephanie Anderson, to adjourn the meeting at 5:40 p.m. The next meeting will be held on August 1, 2024, at 4:00 p.m. at the SWCCD Office, 550 Uinta Drive, Suite E, Green River, WY.

/s/  _____ Chairman

/s/  _____ Secretary

//Submitted by Karen Pecheny/