

Minutes of Board June 7, 2017

7:00 p.m.

Lincoln County Office

61 E. 5th Avenue

Roger Coles called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. In attendance were Roger Coles, Shane Crook, Harve Erickson and Kay Lynn Nield. Jeff Johnson and Rollin Gardner were absent.

Minutes: Minutes from the April 13, 2017 meeting were not available. They will be presented at the July 19 meeting for approval.

Financials: Vouchers and credit card statements were reviewed. Bank Statements for April and May were reviewed. Motion to pay vouchers was made by Shane Crook, seconded by Harve Erickson, motion passed. Vouchers approved for payment are listed below. Regarding restricted funds Wyoming Department of Audit now requires that all grant monies are held in a separate restricted checking account from the regular checking account. In our restricted checking account, we have the following funds that are to be paid out by the end of 2017. Wyoming Department of Ag Water Quality Grant \$8000. Wyoming State Forestry Forest Collaborative Grant \$9456. Wyoming Department of Agriculture RHAP (Range Health Assessment Program) grant for Big Greys Cattle and Horse Allotment \$5952.25. Wyoming Department of Agriculture RHAP grant for Strawberry and Dry Creek Cattle Allotment \$4111. Kay Lynn Nield transferred these monies from the regular checking to the restricted checking account.

Voucher Number	Vendor	Amount	Voucher Number	Vendor	Amount
3680	IRS	945.86	3692	Valley Tech	100.00
3681	Wyoming Workman's Comp	237.50	3693	Kay Lynn Nield	657.00
3682	Kay Lynn Nield	823.00	3694	Broulims	3.38
3683	Brenda Ashworth	471.72	3695	First Bankcard	612.07
3684	Brenda Ashworth	480.89	3696	Star Valley Sales	53.26
3685	Kay Lynn Nield	742.96	3697	Succentrix Business Advisors	62.50
3686	IRS	789.52	3698	Silverstar Communications	112.52
3687	Wyoming Retirement	287.68	3699	Void-misprint	
3688	Kay Lynn Nield	872.41	3700	Void-misprint	
3689	Broulims	70.93	3701	Void-misprint	
3690	First Bankcard	1184.74	1001	Y2 Consultants	4656.60
3691	Silverstar Communications	108.52			

NRCS Report: Gary Blazjewski was unable to attend so Kay Lynn Nield gave the NRCS report. There were 3 Emergency Watershed Protection Program (EWP) inquiries for Lincoln County. One in the Star Valley area and two in the Cokeville area. NRCS was not able to assist with these inquiries because they did not fit the NRCS criteria. They do not assist with stagnant flood water only when a river is threatening to wash away a house or other structure. The Emergency Conservation Program would be better suited to take care of the problems associated with the flooding in these incidents. Gary provided information to the board about this program in his update. Kay Lynn will contact the affected landowner and see if they are interested in this program. The snow report was presented to the board. The Local Work Group was held on June 6, 2017. Kay Lynn Nield attended for SVCD. SVCD was asked to rank the Division 1 resource priorities.

SVCD Board then took time to rank the projects for NRCS.

1. Grazing Lands Management
2. Water Quality
3. Irrigation Water Management
4. Forest Health
5. Streambank/Riparian Area Protection
6. Prevention of the Conversion of Agriculture Lands to Non-Agriculture Use
7. Excessive Erosion
8. Invasive Species
9. Wetlands
10. Soil Quality
11. Fish and Wildlife Habitat
12. Energy

Unfinished Business:

- Kay Lynn Nield updated the Board on the 319 projects. Ken Clark is just finishing the troughs and then his project will be complete. Merritt/Draney/Anglesey/Nelson project is waiting for landowner approval from Bob Hild to move forward. The board decided to go 60/40 on all well cost shares for the project. Water Testing on the Salt River continues. The river was too high and fast to be safe to test in May. Testing will continue in June. Tetra-Tech we are finalizing the contract with them for water testing in the Auburn area.
- The Forest Collaborative met on May 24th. Kay Lynn Nield attended. The Collaborative continued to craft recommendations to the Forest Service for projects in the Greys River area. The collaborative also took a field trip up Grover Park to look at that proposed project area. Links to the meeting minutes are found at: <https://www.uwyo.edu/haub/ruckelshaus-institute/collaborative-solutions/forests/greys-river.html> Kay Lynn Nield did a radio interview by SVI media regarding the Forest Collaborative.
- RHAP Big Greys and Strawberry continues to move forward final monitoring will take place the week of June 19.
- Water Quality Spring Creek- Kay Lynn Nield updated the board that these monies for this project need to be used this season for this project otherwise it will be used for matching funds for 319 projects per the Department of Agriculture. We need to meet with Justin Laycock, acting District Ranger, Greys River Ranger District, to look at this site and get started on this project. We need to check with the Greys River Ranger District Hydrologist, Trevy Roberts also. Harve Erickson said he would arrange to take us to the site when we were ready.

- Water Quality Grover Park-White Pine Springs/Church House Springs-Kay Lynn Nield updated the board on this project. Tavon Southam will fence White Pine Spring for his Eagle Scout project. Rollin Gardner and Kay Lynn Nield will go up Grover Park to look at the project with Tavon and Karl Southam. There is a tree that fell on the fence at Church House springs. We will see if Tavon will fix that as part of his Eagle Project. We need to get maintenance agreements signed with the Forest Service to finish this project. The maintenance agreements were one of the requirements from the Board of Agriculture to get monies for this project. Richard Raione, the former District Ranger and Trevy Roberts, district hydrologist agreed to get these in place. Kay Lynn is following up with Trevy to get the maintenance agreements signed.

New Business:

- Subdivision Reviews-Justin Call met with the Board regarding the need for a subdivision review for Jensen's Corner. He was asking the board to waive the subdivision review for this property. Justin was adding 2 acres to the existing subdivision. A motion to waive the subdivision review was made by Harve Erickson, seconded by Shane Crook, motion carried. The board reviewed subdivision reviews for Desert House LLC, Whitetail Meadows, and Spencer Hunsaker.
- The Board reviewed the letter that was sent to the Board of Agriculture for Harve Erickson's appointment to the SVCD Board of Supervisors.
- Budget Meeting will be July 19 at 9:00 a.m. followed by SVCD regular meeting. Kay Lynn Nield will advertise this for 2 weeks in the Star Valley Independent.
- Etna Tree Project-Wyoming State Forestry gave us signs to install to mark the trees that were put in front of Etna Elementary, which was paid for by Wyoming State Forestry grant. Brenda Ashworth met Kay Lynn in Etna to go over the layout of the project. We also met with Steve Rich who does maintenance at Etna Elementary to see where water lines and power for the buses comes in. Brenda had previously got power lines located. Kay Lynn Nield directed the after-school program at Etna Elementary on May 2-3. The running club helped to mark where the signs would go and dig pilot holes to make sure we weren't hitting any irrigation lines. This project took more time than anticipated. Kay Lynn Nield contacted Brook Lee from Wyoming State Forestry to see if they had money available to pay for someone to auger the holes. They offered us \$200 to pay for this. It has not been completed at this time. Kay Lynn will continue to work on this as time permits.
- We have two possible RHAP grants to apply for. Brett Selman for his sheep allotments up Greys River and possible utilization studies on all our previous RHAP projects. The grants are due June 12.
- Roger Coles updated the board on the Snake/Salt Basin update meeting in Jackson, Wyoming on May 18. The meeting primarily focused on Palisades Reservoir and how low it was at that time. The Idaho farmers were concerned as to why it wasn't being filled. The water managers then went over the snowpack numbers with everyone to assure them that it would fill this summer.
- SVCD was asked to contribute to the Legal Fund for Wyoming Association of Conservation Districts. The board voted to not contribute at this time. Motion by Shane Crook, seconded by Harve Erickson, motion passed.
- The Board then reviewed correspondence from Wyoming Association of Conservation Districts regarding the Formation of a Special District Association. No action was taken on this.
- Shane Crook approached the board with regarding animal composting. Kay Lynn will follow up to see if there is any money available for a project like this either through the NRCS or 319 funding.

Shane Crook moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 p.m.