

**Minutes of Board March 14, 2018**  
**7:00 p.m.**  
**Star Valley Conservation District Office**  
**PO Box 216, 61 E. 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Afton WY 83110**

Roger Coles called the board meeting to order at 7:15 p.m. In attendance were Roger Coles, Rollin Gardner, Jeff Johnson, Harve Erickson, and Kay Lynn Nield.

**Minutes:** Minutes from the January 10, 2018 meeting were reviewed. Motion to approve the minutes with changes was made by Harve Erickson, seconded by Rollin Gardner, motion passed.

**Financials:** Vouchers and credit card statements were reviewed. Bank Statements for January and February 2018 were reviewed. Motion to pay vouchers and approve the financials was made by Rollin Gardner, seconded by Harve Erickson, motion passed. Vouchers approved for payment are listed below:

Voucher Number	Vendor	Amount	Voucher Number	Vendor	Amount
3838	Blue Cross Blue Shield	1170.55	3859	Kay Lynn Nield	616.43
3839	Kay Lynn Nield	848.86	3860	Kay Lynn Nield	595.66
3840	Blue Cross Blue Shield	1170.55	3861	IRS-EFTPS	372.58
3841	Silverstar	111.64	3862	Roger Coles	607.86
3842	Kay Lynn Nield	1008.93	3863	Wyoming Retirement System	385.16
3843	Kay Lynn Nield	436.36	3864	Brenda Ashworth	107.00
3844	IRS-EFTPS	152.28	3865	Daniel Erickson	69.12
3845	IRS-EFTPS	274.42	3866	Jeff Johnson	12.63
3846	Wyoming Retirement System	420.07	3867	Kay Lynn Nield	218.04
3847	VOID	VOID	3868	Rollin Gardner	453.89
3348	VOID	VOID	3869	Shane Crook	54.54
3849	First Bankcard	73.49	3870	Printstar	138.54
3850	WACD-Special District Training	20.00	3871	WBET	27.76
3851	Fat Chance BBQ	2738.00	3872	Levin Tull	100.00
3852	American Grazing Lands Services	2930.70	3873	Y2 Consultants	1979.75
3853	Blue Cross Blue Shield	1170.55			
3854	Broulims	152.61			
3855	Miles CPA	52.00			
3856	Printstar	28.00			
3857	Silverstar	114.48			
3858	Kay Lynn Nield	910.12			

**NRCS Report:** Gary Blazejewski was unable to attend. In a phone call with Kay Lynn Nield he stated that the Dry Creek and Cottonwood pipeline replacement projects were not approved. They did not rank high enough for funding.

### **Unfinished Business:**

- Merritt/Draney/Anglesey/Nelson project: Kay Lynn is working on the 319 billing for these projects. We will continue drilling wells in the spring.
- Ryan Merritt well is complete. Kay Lynn is working on the billing.
- Jim Gerrish Grazing Workshop Update: The grazing workshop went well. The feedback from those who attended has been positive.
  - We had 76 people sign up for the workshop. Nine people didn't attend that had signed up.
  - We planned lunch for 75 people. The meals cost was \$2730.00 by Fat Chance BBQ.
  - We charged \$50 to cover the cost of the lunch/workshop for both days. The out of Lincoln County residents a \$100 fee and Lincoln County residents paid a \$50 fee. Total registration money that came in was: \$3375.00. There were 10 non-Lincoln County residents and 47.5 Lincoln County residents that paid for the workshop. The fee that was paid by the non-Lincoln County residents helped defer the lunch cost. If everyone who signed up would have come, we would have been fine on lunch expenses. We covered the meal costs for the presenters and Extension. Something to keep in mind for planning the next workshop.
  - It cost \$2930.70 for American Grazing Lands/Jim Gerrish to come and do the presentation. There is a hotel room charge for two nights of \$211.86 that I put on the Visa card. That will come through on the Visa statement for our next meeting. This will be the approximate cost for the next meeting in June. This will be paid for by the 319 grant.
- Greys River Forest Collaborative: Harve Erickson, Rollin Gardner, and Kay Lynn Nield attended the steering committee meeting on January 31<sup>st</sup> at the Lincoln County Planning Office. We discussed charter changes, agenda for the next meeting and membership changes. This set the meeting agenda for the Forest Collaborative Feb. 22, 2018.

The Forest Collaborative Meeting was held on Feb. 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2018 at the Etna Community Center from 9-3. Kay Lynn Nield attended and Harve Erickson. The meeting notes are on this link:

<https://www.uwyo.edu/haub/ruckelshaus-institute/collaborative-solutions/forests/greys-river.html>

The board discussed how to make the collaborative meeting run better. The meetings are tedious, and we aren't sure what we have accomplished after 6 hours. The conclusion was made that there may not be a way to make it run better it is just the nature of the process. We will continue to engage in the process and hope that we can get some meaningful projects done on the forest. We will ask the commissioners to our next meeting to discuss the collaborative.

- RHAP Big Greys and Strawberry/Dry Creek. Kay Lynn Nield is working on final reports
- Water Quality grant for Spring Creek is complete. Kay Lynn Nield is working on final report.
- Etna Tree Project: We are waiting for good weather to complete the project.
- SVCD has a Facebook page. The website is hard to maintain and requires Kay Lynn Nield to submit changes to Valley Tech to update the website which costs SVCD a per hour charge. The Facebook page can be maintained in house. After discussion it was decided to have a Facebook page only and no web page. Motion Jeff Johnson, second Harve Erickson, motion carried.

- SVCD Boundary information is now complete. Kay Lynn Nield was able to find minutes from the SVCD in the 1970's that clarified the district boundaries also a Secretary of State document from 1952 that has the legal description of SVCD boundaries. Kay Lynn Nield had Cathy Rosenthal from WACD check the boundaries with the Suite Water program and Destry Deardon with Lincoln County GIS do the same. The district boundaries do cover all of North Lincoln County. Kay Lynn Nield submitted the documentation to the Department of Revenue and Lincoln County Clerk's office. They both said this is sufficient to prove the boundaries and will adjust their maps accordingly.

#### New Business:

- Subdivision Reviews: These were approved by the board.
  - Bert Erickson/Stacie Romine (simple)
  - Cortland Felts-Flat Creek Ranches Subdivision (simple)
  - Call/Nelson-Cottonwood Hollow Subdivision (simple)
- SVCD will change the monthly meeting date to the second Wednesday of every month at 7:00 pm at the SVCD office/Lincoln County Planning meeting room. Motion Harve Erickson, second by Rollin Gardner, motion carried.
- Kay Lynn Nield updated the Wyoming Game and Fish with projects that we have done in the last year associated with the Salt River Watershed plan. Game and Fish needed a copy of the Final Salt River Watershed plan. Anna Senecal from Jackson office is the contact person.
- Lincoln County Planning office had questions as to where irrigation lines were running. There are some building permits that come in that are near pipelines. The planning office didn't have a record of where the easements are. Kay Lynn checked with Nield String pipeline for correct easements and was able to get that information to Lincoln County Planning office.

The planning office suggested that each irrigation company can pay \$25/per year to One Call of Wyoming for location services for their pipelines. When One Call does a locate they charge a small fee. This is cheaper than having to repair the pipeline. Kay Lynn has made Nield String sprinkler aware of this. Rollin Gardner with Dry Creek Irrigation is aware now. Kay Lynn Nield will follow up with West Afton Pipeline and Rollin Gardner will talk to Cottonwood Irrigation.

Irrigation companies can also bring a drawing of where the pipelines are into the Lincoln County Planning office. They will put it on the GIS layer in the county map.

- Harve Erickson and Kay Lynn Nield attended the Special District training on Feb. 28-March 1, 2018 via video conference. Lincoln County Weed and Pest attended also. We used the conference room in the Lincoln County planning office rather than travel to Cheyenne, WY. Harve Erickson and Kay Lynn Nield had questions if the subdivision review policy needed to be a policy or a rule per the Special District Training. Kay Lynn Nield will check with Bobbie Frank for clarification or rules and policy's.
- Kay Lynn Nield will be attending the WACD Employee Training meeting in Lander, Wyoming on March 20-22, 2018.
- There is a Level 2 and Level 3 Water Quality Training in Lander, Wyoming April 25-27, 2018. Kay Lynn Nield will be attending this meeting. This will cover protocols/training for water testing for the 319 Water Quality Grant.
- The solar trailer is being used by Lane Walton in Auburn, Wyoming for offsite watering.
- Rollin Gardner would like SVCD to see if there is any funding for a no till drill (Great Plains). SVCD would own and maintain the drill and rent it out to local farmers. Rollin Gardner will check on prices with dealers. Kay Lynn Nield will check with WACD and Wyoming Dept. of Agriculture to see if there are any grant monies available.

- Rollin Gardner updated the board on Dry Creek irrigation pipeline replacement project. They are moving forward with phase 1.
- Executive Session called by Rollin Gardner, second by Harve Erickson. Motion carried. (8:17 p.m.) The board discussed personnel matters. Jeff Johnson motioned for executive session to end Rollin second, motion carried. (8:30 p.m.)
- Meeting Adjourned by Jeff Johnson at 8:35 p.m.