

Minutes of Board April 15, 2020
7:00 p.m.
Star Valley Conservation District Office
Zoom Meeting/Covid 19

NRCS Local Workgroup Meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm.

Adam Clark, District Conservationist for SVCD shared a PowerPoint with information about Area V. The link is here: C:\Users\kniel\OneDrive\Desktop\Division III Local Work Group Presentation_1.pptx

Kay Lynn will link the minutes when we receive them from NRCS. In attendance were Rollin Gardner, Shane Crook, Jeff, Johnson, Harve Erickson, Kay Lynn Nield, Adam Clark, and Ben Bonello.

<C:\Users\kniel\OneDrive\Desktop\NRCS\NRCS Local Work Group Meetings\SVCD Local Work Group Meeting Notes 2020.docx>

Regular Board Meeting

Rollin Gardner called the regular meeting to order at 8:00 pm. In attendance were Rollin Gardner, Jeff Johnson, Shane Crook, Harve Erickson, and Kay Lynn Nield.

Minutes: Minutes for February 12, 2020 will be reviewed at our next in person regular board meeting. The March board meeting was cancelled due to Covid 19.

Financials: Financials will be reviewed in person by Jeff Johnson and Rollin Gardner. Because of Covid 19 concerns and zoom meeting format financials were not viewed over the internet. They will be formally approved at our next in person board meeting.

Agency Updates NRCS-Local Work group meeting

Kay Lynn Nield met with Anna Senecal (WGFD), Leslie Steen (TU), Adam Clark, Janessa Julson, and RCPP coordinator for NRCS on pursuing and RCPP for irrigation work and streambank stabilization. Concerns were brought up that the new Farm Bill has changed the match requirements for RCPP. With the new requirements RCPP would need to have matching funds up front before the RCPP was approved. This makes RCPP unworkable for partners. SVCD has since learned that there was a miscommunication with NRCS on funding. We will continue to pursue RCPP and submit an application next year.

Agency Updates: Extension-none

Unfinished Business:

- 319 Updates
 - Merritt/Draney/Anglesey/Nelson project
 - Ryan Merritt is moving forward with finishing the water trough installation on the well that was drilled. He has installed the pressure system, power, and poured the concrete pad for the water trough. He should have the water trough installed this week. He will bring in receipts next week for billing.
 - Lance Bateman project is paid. SVCD will bill the 319
 - Billing will be finished by April 30. The 319 grants will end. Final Reports and Water Quality data will be submitted to DEQ.
- BT-Vacant Allotments/RHAP

- RHAP Blind Bull-Deadman-Grizzly Basin
 - RFQ will go out this month on Public Purchase website to hire a contractor.
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- ESD
 - Kay Lynn Nield will met with Forest Service on March 27, 2020 to talk about next steps on Ecological Site Descriptions for vacant allotments. This was a teleconference with Department of Ag, Lincoln CD, SVCD, USFS, and NRCS. It was decided to pursue a new RHAP for ESD data collection. Lincoln CD and SVCD will each apply for an RHAP. This will make it so we can hire a soil scientist to do ESD work with the goal of combining soil data with existing vegetation data to give a clear picture of conditions on each allotment.
- No-Till Drill
 - Sales Tax will be paid this first quarter 2020 on last years rentals per Department of Revenue. If there was ever an audit, we can explain to them that we were waiting for sales tax determination.
- Greys River Forest Collaborative:
 - On hold due to Covid 19. SVCD renewed our Sam/Dunn number for funding purposes. SVCD will hire a someone to take notes at meetings and coordinate with Kay Lynn Nield.
- AAWPC will meet April 23 to plan open house for fire information for Alpine Communities. SVCD was asked to pay for meals for open house. SVCD board discussed and they would rather help with tangible costs related to chipper day. They would like more information. No decision was made on funding at this time.
- Public Records request has been submitted.
- Farm and Ranch Days was scaled back by Covid 19 concerns. All speakers from Universities did their presentations by zoom meeting. Other speakers came in person. Rollin Gardner presented SVCD no till drill information. The meeting was well attended by the community.
- Kay Lynn Nield attended the Streambank Stabilization Workshop. There were many examples of projects that worked and why they did. They also showed projects that failed. This was good information as we move forward with RCPP and streambank stabilization workshops.
- Kay Lynn did not attend winter training because of road conditions.
- Jeff Johnson left meeting. Quorum still present.

New Business

- **Subdivision Reviews/Conditional Use Permits:** Motion to approve by Harv Erickson, seconded by Shane Crook, motion carried.
 - Hale Family Trust-simple subdivision
 - Hebdon homestead-simple subdivision
- Water Quality Grant is due May 15, 2020. SVCD will use for Wickiup water development, Grover Park pit pond repair, water quality monitoring, and septic workshops. There is a 30% cost share.
- SVCD will schedule a working meeting on April 22 to go over budget for the year to submit to Lincoln County Clerk. Budget hearing will be May 7, 2020 in Thayne, WY with Lincoln County commissioners. Rollin Gardner and Kay Lynn Nield will attend.
- Meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm

