

**Minutes of Board January 9, 2019**  
**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 meeting to order at 7:15 pm. In attendance were Roger Coles, Shane Crook, Jeff Johnson, Harv Erickson, Cole Helm, Kay Lynn Nield and Gary Blazjewski. Rollin Gardner was absent.

**Minutes:** Minutes for November 7, 2018 were reviewed. Motion to approve the minutes was made by Jeff Johnson, seconded by Harv Erickson, motion carried.

**Financials:** Vouchers and credit card statements were reviewed. Bank Statements for November and December 2018 were reviewed. Motion to pay vouchers and approve the financials was made by Jeff Johnson, seconded by Harv Erickson, motion passed. Vouchers approved for payment are listed below:

**Officer Elections:** SVCD welcomed Cole Helm as the new supervisor. He will take Roger Coles place on the board. Roger Coles will stay involved as an associate supervisor.

New elections were held, and Rollin Gardner was elected Chairman, Shane Crook Vice-Chairman, and Jeff Johnson as Secretary/Treasurer.

SVCD will provide First Bank with the minutes regarding these changes. All supervisors will need to sign new signature cards at the bank.

Voucher Number	Vendor	Amount	Voucher Number	Vendor	Amount
3980	Blue Cross Blue Shield	1729.70	3995	Blue Cross Blue Shield	1729.70
3981	CNA Surety	515.70	3996	Miles CPA	60.00
3982	Harv Erickson	86.11	3997	First Bank Card	9.49
3983	Jeff Johnson	21.80	3998	Silverstar	100.36
3984	Kay Lynn Nield	356.43	3999	Valley Tech	102.50
3985	Roger Coles	643.32	4000	Wyoming Association of Conservation Districts	80.00
3986	Rollin Gardner	165.57	4001	Kay Lynn Nield	775.74
3987	Shane Crook	98.10	4002	Kay Lynn Nield	561.02

3988	Wyoming Department of Workforce Services	112.45	4003	Kay Lynn Nield	27.71
3989	First Bank Card	334.74	4004	EFTPS	226.06
3990	Kay Lynn Nield	1008.94	4005	Wyoming Retirement System	252.94
3991	Kay Lynn Nield	792.52			
3992	EFTPS	338.08			
3993	Wyoming Retirement System	340.25			
3994	Silverstar	98.05			

### Agency Updates: NRCS

- Gary Blazejewski gave updates on NRCS projects. (see NRCS report attached)
- We will do the NRCS Local Work Group Meeting March 13, 2019 at 6:00 pm. We will follow up with regular board meeting at 7:00 pm. Gary and Kay Lynn will coordinate this with producers.

### Agency Updates: Extension

- No updates

### Unfinished Business:

- 319 Updates
  - Merritt/Draney/Anglesey/Nelson project: Draney's have completed their well and have the water trough partially installed. They will finish this up in the next few months as the weather gets warmer.
  - Water Testing: Resume in 2019
  - Synoptic Studies: Kay Lynn will make contacts with landowners and USGS/DEQ in 2019 to go forward with these studies.
  - 319 Amendment: Complete
  - Tyson and Hal Hepworth Project: Landowner to bring in receipts so SVCD can do billing.
  - Lane Walton: Drill in 2019
  - Joe Nield: Drill 3 wells for offsite water in 2019.
  - Septic Workshops: Vouchers are ready to be signed by the end of week to send checks out to those who attended. Will bill this to the 319 in January 2019.
  - Kay Lynn is getting the billing done for the 319 grant.
- WDA Grant-Ken Clark:
  - When SVCD completed the grant reporting and billing for the Water Quality Grant there was more money available to pay Ken Clark for his improvements. Kay Lynn will have that information to the board at the next meeting.

- Greys River Forest Collaborative:
  - We will have the next meeting in March
  - Justin Laycock contacted Kay Lynn Nield about the contracts that SVCD signed with the Forest Service to fund the collaborative. The FS was not able to get all the information to the office in New Mexico for approval. Justin said he will work out details to see what the FS needs to do to get the money to SVCD for the collaborative.
  - There is no word on the Joint Chiefs Grant.
- RHAP Blind Bull/Grizzly Basin:
  - The RHAP grant is due to the Department of Ag by March 4, 2019. SVCD, Lincoln CD, Sublette CD, and Teton CD will be meeting next week to go over tall forb monitoring that will be part of the RHAP's that each district is applying for. This will ensure that all the monitoring that takes place will be the same and credible. This meeting will take place in Hoback on January 15, 2019. DeMont Grandy and Kay Lynn Nield will go to the meeting together.
- Curtis Haderlie/TCD Food Compost Project: This project is ongoing.
- Procurement Rule: Discussion was held regarding the procurement rule. SVCD seeks bids from all local vendors for projects. SVCD currently gets a pricing for projects from 2-3 vendors and pick the one that is the most economical. Larger districts that have a mill levy are doing purchasing through the state website. SVCD has a total of 5-6 projects per year. SVCD board decided to go with existing practices rather than going through the rule making process. Jeff Johnson made the motion to keep existing practices in place, Cole Helm seconded, motion carried.
- Public Records: Kay Lynn Nield sent the 2017 information to American Transparency. The Wyoming Legislature has a bill that would update the public records policy for the state. WACD is monitoring the bill. They are not in support of the bill as written. SVCD will wait to update our public records request policy until after the legislative session.
- SVCD/Trout Unlimited applied for a grant with the Wyoming Water Development Commission for the Larry Nield/Max Merritt project.

#### **New Business:**

- Subdivision Reviews/Conditional Use Permits: Motion to approve made by Harv Erickson, seconded by Jeff Johnson, motion carried.
  - Joseph Daniel Parker-Minor Subdivision
  - Josh Burmester-Minor Subdivision
- BTNF Vacant Allotments: Harv Erickson attended a meeting in Pinedale on the vacant allotments that are on the Bridger-Teton National Forest. There are approximately 40 vacant allotments at this time. Some of these allotments were waived back to the FS with no preference after the current permittee's took buyouts from environmental groups. The FS should have re-issued as that was a private transaction between the environmental groups and permittees. As always, the FS cites capacity and money as reasons for not doing what it needs to. Trisha O'Connor committed to getting Fred Robert's allotments in the Greys River and permits on the south end of the Wind Rivers. The timeline for this will be in the next 1-3 years. There was discussion on boundary adjustments, livestock classes, and forage reserves. There will be another meeting in March.
- Lower Valley Energy is putting in a natural gas pipeline from Montpelier to Afton. This goes through Crow Creek and then into Afton. SVCD contacted Martel Brower at LVE to see what

the route proposals are at this time for the private property. Kay Lynn will update the board as more information becomes available.

- SVCD has funding from WACD for a soil health workshop this year. Discussion was held on having an irrigation workshop and grazing workshop this year also. NRCS will be willing to help with these also. SVCD will look into partnering with Extension and Weed and Pest for these.
- 2018 Year End Reports are available. They were emailed to each of the Supervisors.
  - The WDA year end report was missing the grazing workshop information. Kay Lynn will amend that report.
- SVCD will send signed minutes for 2018 for WDA to put in the State Archives.
- SVCD will send Kay Lynn to the Wyoming Water Conference in Casper, WY on February 19-22, 2019. We will use this information to update our website and provide education to the public regarding E.coli levels in Salt River.
- Upper Snake/Salt Coordination Meeting will be held in February. Kay Lynn will go to this and update the board.
- The next board meeting will be February 13, at 6:00 in Thayne, WY.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m. by Cole Helm