

**Budget Hearing
July 18, 2018
7:00-7:30 p.m.
Star Valley Conservation District Office
PO Box 216, 61 E. 5th Avenue, Afton, WY 83110**

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

The budget was reviewed by the board.

Motion to pass the budget as presented made by Jeff Johnson, seconded by Rollin Gardner, motion carried.

Budget Hearing adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

**Minutes of Board July 18, 2018
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Minutes: Minutes for June 13 were reviewed. Motion to approve the minutes was made by Harv Erickson, seconded by Rollin Gardner, motion carried.

Financials: Vouchers and credit card statements were reviewed. Bank Statements for May and June 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:

Voucher Number	Vendor	Amount	Voucher Number	Vendor	Amount
3898	Wyoming Workforce Services	150.53	3913	EFTPS-IRS	339.98
3899	Acuity	597	3914	Wyoming Retirement System	737.17
3900	Blue Cross Blue Shield	2341.10	3915	Void-Miles CPA Journal Entry	73.49
3901	Broulims	18.98	3916	Blue Cross Blue Shield of WY	1170.55
3902	First Bank Card	1394.94	3917	Broulims	154.49
3903	IDEXX	1820.32	3918	First Bank Card	934.73
3904	Silverstar	98.37	3919	Silverstar	109.81

3905	SVI Media	28.50	3920	SVI Media	200.00
3906	Valley Tech	275.00	3921	WACD	30.00
3907	Garret Lym	100.00	3922	Void-misprint	Void
3908	Void-misprint	Void			
3909	Void-misprint	Void			
3910	Kay Lynn Nield	965.45			
3911	Kay Lynn Nield	758.43			
3912	Kay Lynn Nield	152.38			

Agency Updates: NRCS/

- No updates. Gary Blazejewski is unable to attend.
 - Gilbert Hurtado is interning with NRCS for the summer. He went with Kay Lynn Nield to look at the new 319 projects. (Hepworth/Walton)
 - Kay Lynn Nield, Gary Blazejewski, and Gilbert Hurtado met with Ken Clark to look at an irrigation improvement project in Smoot, Wyoming. Gary B. will see if this is a project that NRCS can fund.

Agency Updates: Extension

- No updates.

Unfinished Business:

- 319 Updates
 - Merritt/Draney/Anglesey/Nelson project: This project is waiting for the well drilling to be completed by Draney's. Anglesey well has money down and waiting on Bruce Edwards to drill. Nelson portion complete. NRCS will work on corral with Nelson. Rob Anglesey met with Kay Lynn Nield during June and discussed going ahead with the well but waiting to put the water trough in until next year. We will go forward with the project and do the water trough next year.
 - Jim Gerrish Grazing Workshop on June 22-23, 2018. We had 21 people that attended the workshop. The workshop went well. The pasture rotations worked well for the hands-on portion of the workshop. Thanks to Joe Nield, Tyson and Hal Hepworth, Rollin Gardner, and Hudson Hill for making the field trip and hands on learning available.
 - Water Testing: We had a water quality audit on June 11, 2018. The final report came with the recommendations noted.

The Salt River Watershed report is complete. Cathy Rosenthal will incorporate this into a statewide summary of all water projects in the 2014 to 2017 timeframe.

- Amended TMDL/SAP/319: Kay Lynn Nield is revising the SAP with Cathy Rosenthal. The SAP reads that SVCD will complete synoptic studies of all Salt River tributaries in 2018. We will move this timeline to 2019. This will give us time to get landowner permission and contracting in place. Kay Lynn and Cathy will have a phone conference in August with Ron Steg from DEQ and we will review the SAP and they synoptic study information.
- New Projects:
 - Tyson and Hal Hepworth are interested in putting electric fencing along Salt River with water gaps. Kay Lynn looked at the project with Hepworth's. This will work to fund with 319 monies. This will fence would be approximately 4000 feet. This will fence cattle off Stump Creek during the recreation season.
 - Lane Walton is interested in drilling a well for off stream watering of cattle. Kay Lynn went and looked at the project with Lane. This will work for 319 funding also. Kay Lynn will work with Lane to come up with a fencing strategy for the slough before we drill the well. The slough drains directly into Salt River in the Auburn area.
- Greys River Forest Collaborative: Kay Lynn will be meeting with Gary Fralick with Game and Fish this month to go over his watershed scale plan that he would like to present to the collaborative. Byron Baker also submitted information to present to the collaborative on the travel management plan. Kay Lynn will be working with Jessica Western to prepare for the next meeting.
- RHAP Big Greys and Strawberry/Dry Creek. Kay Lynn Nield is working on final reports. Justin Caudill sent examples of the budget portion from other reports that will be helpful in finishing these up.
- Water Quality grant for Spring Creek is complete. Kay Lynn Nield is working on final report. Kay Lynn will go with PC Industries on Friday to install the wildlife escape ramp.
- RHAP grants for Fred Robert's sheep allotments: A new RFP will be going out in October. We will apply for RHAP funding for Bear Creek and Blind Bull at this time. The Department of Agriculture is working with the FS on re-issuing these permits for grazing on a temporary basis while the NEPA is being completed.
- Curtis Haderlie/TCD Food Compost Project: We signed a contract with TCD for the pass through for the Haderlie project. This will now go to the TCD board. SVCD did a "not to exceed" of \$250 to pay for SVCD time.
- Procurement Rule: SVCD will initiate the rule making process later in the fall.
- No till Drill update: Don McDowell from Laramie-Fort Lingle CD called and reported that at the NRCS TAT meeting in Casper that we should be able to get funding for a no-till drill through the Conservation Initiative Grant. We will have Gary B. report on this at our next meeting.

New Business:

- Subdivision Reviews/Conditional Use Permits:
 - i. Tim and Cindy Allred
 - ii. Deon and Quinn Heiner
 - iii. Deon and Quinn Heiner
 - iv. Jensen Hamilton

Motion to approve by Harv Erickson, seconded by Jeff Johnson, motion carried.

- Wyoming Weather Modification Technical Advisory Meeting: Kay Lynn attended the meeting in Afton on July 10, 2018. This meeting covered information on cloud seeding. We then had a field trip to the Ren Jensen property on the west hills to see the cloud seeding equipment and learn how it works. This is operated by Bonneville Power. The state will be doing a cloud seeding project in the state with airplanes in the winter in the Medicine Bow/Laramie/Colorado area. There are only about 11 days in the season that are ideal for cloud seeding with the traditional equipment. Cost can vary on the cloud seeding. It can be anywhere from seven to thirty dollars per acre foot of water that is produced.
- Website: There is new information on the website.
- Elections: There are four board members up for election: Roger Coles, Shane Crook, Jeff Johnson for four-year terms and Harv Erickson for a two-year term. Roger will be retiring this year, so we need to find someone interested in filling his seat. Kay Lynn has advertised this on the website. Roger thought Cole Helm could run for his seat. Kay Lynn will take an application to him. Applications are due in the office and to the county clerk between August 8-28, 2018. Roger would like someone on the board to run for his seat on the state leadership team from Area 5. The board members will consider this.
- The dates for the septic workshops are set.
 - August 30 in Star Valley Ranch Town Hall
 - September 20 in the Thayne Community Center
 - October 18 in Afton at the SVCD office
 - November 1 at the Etna Community Center
- No meeting for August. Next Meeting will be September 12, 2018.
- WACD Region V meeting will be September 13, 2018 in Baggs, WY.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.