

**Minutes of Board June 13, 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 7:00 p.m. In attendance were Roger Coles, Shane Crook, Harv Erickson, and Kay Lynn Nield.

**Minutes:** Minutes for May 11 were reviewed. Motion to approve the minutes was made by Shane Crook and seconded by Harv Erickson, motion carried.

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

Voucher Number	Vendor	Amount	Voucher Number	Vendor	Amount
3885	Quality Pump and Drilling	8134.15	3895	Point S	44.66
3886	Void	Void	3896	Silverstar	90.81
3887	Void	Void	3897	SVI Media	19.00
3888	Blue Cross Blue Shield	1170.55			
3889	Ryan Merritt	1143.96			
3890	Kay Lynn Nield	799.45			
3891	Kay Lynn Nield	910.11			
3892	Kay Lynn Nield	436.36			
3893	EFTPS	381.16			
3894	First Bank Card	1233.91			

**Agency Updates: NRCS/**

- No updates. Gary Blazejewski is unable to attend.

**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.
  - Jim Gerrish Grazing Workshop scheduled for June 22-23, 2018. Flyer's were done with the help of Lincoln County extension. Kay Lynn Nield has done a radio interview with SVI media and done a newspaper article. Kay Lynn Nield has contacted everyone on the list from the spring meeting and had a few other inquiries. Kay Lynn contacted DeMont Grandy with Lincoln Conservation District to advertise in south Lincoln County. The paddock rotations are in place with cattle grazing on them now for the hands-on portion of the workshop.
  - Water Testing: We had a water quality audit on June 11, 2018. Cathy Rosenthal with WACD and Jason Herden of WWC Engineering came conducted the audit. Kay Lynn Nield took them to three sites along the Salt River and did water sampling. We then met back at the office to go over the lab portion of the audit. There were three recommendations that were made. One was to sample upstream of bridges when possible. The second was to maintain bound copies of logs and forms. (The calibration and log sheets from water testing from last year were in a loose file) The last recommendation was to use best judgement on use of latex gloves for sampling safety. (no gloves used in audit) Their report will be coming in July.

Kay Lynn is completing the updated Salt River Watershed report for Cathy Rosenthal. This information will go in a final report that WACD puts together. The reporting period is 2014 to 2017 timeframe.

The incubator is working now. Thanks to Jeff Johnson for replacing the motor for the fan.

- 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.
- New Projects:
  - Tyson and Hal Hepworth are interested in putting electric fencing along Salt River with water gaps. Kay Lynn Nield will look at the project. This is in the Auburn area.
  - Lane Walton is interested in drilling a well for off stream watering of cattle. Kay Lynn Nield will look at the project. This is also in the Auburn area.
- Kay Lynn Nield attended the Snake/Salt update meeting in Jackson to look at possible funding sources for the collaborative. There various agencies showed what projects they are working on and how they did funding for them. SVCD will host a July meeting of different user groups for funding sources for 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.
- RHAP grants for Fred Robert's sheep allotments: Kay Lynn Nield is working with Brad Jacobsen, range specialist on the Greys River Ranger District, on the application. The Department of Agriculture is working with the Forest Service asking them to re-issue the permits rather than go

through the whole NEPA process for re-issue. There are two parties that have filed for the permits. If the permits had been waived with preference to either party, they would have been re-issued. The FS feels that they need to go through the whole NEPA process because they don't have updated data. The FS has hired a contractor to do two permits and we will do the RHAP for two more. We will hold off on the RHAP until later in the fall while they negotiate with the Forest Service. The concern is that it will take years to get the NEPA complete and grazing permits re-issued.

- WDA Water Quality Grant. Kay Lynn went with Brad Jacobsen to look at Randy Ritter allotment to see if we could do a water development on the permit. The cattle come to the private ground for water. We were never able to find the spring. Brad Jacobsen and Randy Ritter were able to find the spring the next week but there is not enough flow for the spring to work. Dry Creek: We will look at this for next year. Kay Lynn will visit the site this summer with Harv Erickson and we will pursue this in the next round of funding.
- Procurement Rule: SVCD will initiate the rule making process later in the fall.
- Kay Lynn attended the Health and Safety Expo May 10, 2018. This event was held at the civic center in Afton. There was a large crowd. Kay Lynn had 4 people sign up for septic workshops to be held later in the fall.

#### **New Business:**

- Subdivision Reviews/Conditional Use Permits:
  - i. Continental Construction  
Motion to approve by Harv Erickson, seconded by Shane Crook, motion carried.
- Curtis Haderlie presented his Food Waste/Compost project. Curtis had approached Teton Conservation District looking for funding to purchase food waste containers that would be used to collect food waste then take to Haderlie Farms and compost it. He will then sell the compost back in the Jackson area. Teton Conservation District would like to partner with Star Valley Conservation District on the project. SVCD would administer the grant from TCCD to Haderlie Farms. Their board wanted this to happen in partnership rather than granting directly to Curtis where he is in SVCD boundaries.

Discussion was held on the project. SVCD will partner with Teton CD and Haderlie Farms for this project. We will need a written statement on expectations from Teton CD. The grant should also cover administration costs for SVCD. Motion to approve made by Harv Erickson, seconded by Shane Crook, motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.