

**Minutes of Board March 13, 2019**  
**7:00 p.m.**  
**Star Valley Conservation District Office**  
**PO Box 216, 61 E. 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Afton WY 83110**

Rollin Gardner called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm. In attendance were Rollin Gardner, Shane Crook, Harv Erickson, Cole Helm, Kay Lynn Nield and Gary Blazejewski.

**Minutes:** Minutes for February 13, 2019 were reviewed. Motion to approve the minutes was made by Harv Erickson, and seconded by Cole Helm, motion carried.

**Financials:** Credit card statements were reviewed. Bank Statements for February 2018 were reviewed. Motion to pay vouchers and approve the financials was made by Harv Erickson, seconded by Cole Helm, motion passed. Vouchers approved for payment will be listed in the April 10, 2019 meeting.

**Agency Updates: NRCS**

- Gary Blazejewski gave updates on NRCS projects. (see NRCS report attached)
- The date for the NRCS Local Work Group Meeting will be changed to April 10, 2019 at 6:30 pm. We will follow up with regular board meeting at 7:00 pm.
- There are no Conservation Innovation Grants available for the no till drill.
- Cottonwood and Dry Creek Irrigation pipeline replacement is moving forward.

**Agency Updates: Extension**

- No updates

**Unfinished Business:**

- 319 Updates
  - Merritt/Draney/Anglesey/Nelson project
  - 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.
  - Lane Walton: Drill in 2019
  - Joe Nield: Drill 3 wells for offsite water in 2019.
  - Septic Workshops
    - The 319 projects are progressing.
- WDA Grant-Ken Clark
  - Final vouchers are progressing.
- RHAP Blind Bull/Grizzly Basin:

- Kay Lynn Nield met with Brad Jacobsen and Aaron Zobell on Feb. 19 in Kemmerer. We went over the budget and wording for the RHAP grant. We put together another RHAP grant for Blind Trail and Stewart that is pending. Kay Lynn then went to the Lincoln County Commissioner meeting and presented the RHAP's for the commissioner's signatures as partners to get the monitoring completed on these allotments. We have completed partnership forms signed by Wyoming Wool Growers, Wyoming Stock Growers, and University of Wyoming Extension. The Forest Service signed the agreement form for Blind Bull and Grizzly Basin and will hold off on Blind Trail and Stewart at this time. Kay Lynn spoke with Patricia O'Connor the BTNF Forest Supervisor and they needed to have conversations with the groups that did the buyout of Fred Roberts allotments and let them know that they will be re-issued. The Wyoming Department of Agriculture has been in contact with the Forest Service to get the monitoring done so permits can be re-issued. We turned in both RHAP's on March 4<sup>th</sup> and will give the Forest Service more time to work out the details on Stewart and Blind Trail. If we can get the partnership agreement signed before the Board of Agriculture meets in April, we will move forward with the second RHAP.
- Greys River Forest Collaborative:
  - We will have the next meeting on April 4, 2019 at the Etna Community Center.
  - Funding from the Forest Service is still in progress.
  - There is no word on the Joint Chiefs Grant.
- Curtis Haderlie/TCD Food Compost Project: This project is ongoing.
- Public Records Request:
  - SVCD has rec'd a new public records request for vendor and personnel information.
  - We will update our public records policy after the legislative session.
- SVCD/Trout Unlimited applied for a grant with the Wyoming Water Development Commission for the Larry Nield/Max Merritt project. We have rec'd approval for the grant. Kay Lynn will go to Cheyenne on March 15 to be at the water commission meeting. We can then look into using these grants for other projects. Dry Creek Irrigation is on the list for approval of projects also.
- Kay Lynn Nield attended the Wyoming Watershed's Conference on Feb 20-2 in Casper, Wyoming. The conference had speakers on water quality standards, E.coli risks, tools for water sampling, microbial source tracking, best management practices, success stories for de-listing streams, effective monitoring, and grazing management. This should help us to be successful as we work towards delisting the Salt River.
- Kay Lynn Nield attended the Upper Snake/Salt multiagency project coordination meeting in Jackson, Wyoming on Feb. 11, 2019. State, Federal, and County agencies each gave updates on the projects from the previous year.
- Etna Elementary after school enrichment classes:
  - For the dairy-licious class we made ice cream and butter, taste tested different kinds of milk and cheese, and visited Shane Crook's dairy. We also used the beef bag from the Lincoln County extension and learned parts of the cow. The classes were a success. There were 14 kids signed up.
- Randy Hruska offered a no-till drill for sale to SVCD. He would like \$15,000. Randy was willing to finance for 3 years. The board discussed that SVCD could offer less for the drill. The drill doesn't have an alfalfa box on it, which we would like to have. SVCD would use the subdivision review money to pay for it. We would like to see if we could finance for 5 years. Rollin Gardner was going to look into Exxon funding that the county has to see if we could use that to pay for the drill.

## **New Business:**

- Subdivision Reviews/Conditional Use Permits: Motion to approve made by Harv Erickson, seconded by Cole Helm, motion carried.
  - Bart and Julie Taylor
  - Star Valley Ranch RV Park Plat 5 Stage 1
  - Connie and Von Dee Jenkins
  - Steven and Kathryn Franceschi
  - Robert and Charlotte Jenkins
  - Keith and Nadene Jensen
- WACD/Special District Training was held Feb.27-28, 2019. Harv Erickson, Cole Helm, Rollin Gardner, and Kay Lynn Nield attended. This was held in the planning office board room and broadcast online.
- Lincoln County Board Training was held March 6, 2019 at the Afton Civic Center. Rollin Gardner, Shane Crook, Cole Helm and Kay Lynn Nield attended.
- Lance Bateman contacted the conservation district about putting a well, hardened crossing, and fencing along the Salt River. This is on the Perk Perkin's property. Kay Lynn will reach out and see if the landowner is willing to partner with the conservation district.
- Kay Lynn Nield asked that the board approve temporary help to get 319 billing done. Cole Helm made a motion for Kay Lynn to hire help for billing, seconded by Harv Erickson, motion carried.
- Trout Unlimited shared their study on irrigation diversions that could have fish ladder's installed. The board will reach out to landowners to see if any are interested.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m. by Harv Erickson