

Minutes of Board May 13, 2020
7:00 p.m.
Star Valley Conservation District Office
61 E. 5th Ave. Afton, WY 83110

Regular Board Meeting

Rollin Gardner called the regular meeting to order at 7:00 pm. In attendance were Rollin Gardner, Jeff Johnson, Shane Crook, Harve Erickson, and Kay Lynn Nield. Justin Laycock and Brad Jacobson from Greys River Ranger District called in for RHAP proposals.

Minutes: Minutes for February 12, 2020 and April 2020 were reviewed. No meeting was held in March 2020 due to Covid 19. Motion to accept minutes made by Harve Erickson, seconded by Jeff Johnson, motion carried.

Financials: Vouchers and credit card statements were reviewed. Bank Statements for February, March, and April 2020 were reviewed. Motion to approve financials made by Harve Erickson, seconded by Jeff Johnson, motion carried.

Agency Updates NRCS-none

Agency Updates: Extension-none

Unfinished Business:

- 319 Updates
 - Merritt/Draney/Anglesey/Nelson project-waiting for DEQ reimbursement
 - 319 Billing is finished.
 - Final Report is due June 29 with water quality data.
- BT-Vacant Allotments/RHAP
 - RHAP Blind Bull-Deadman-Grizzly Basin.
 - RHAP Blind Trail-Stewart
 - Justin Laycock and Brad Jacobsen called into the meeting to go over the contractors that bid for the RHAP's. There were 3 contractors that submitted bids. Cirrus Environmental Solutions, Summit Environmental Solutions, and Genesis Wildlife Consulting. There was discussion of each of the contractors and their qualifications. It is proposed that SVCD hire Cirrus Environmental Solutions for all the RHAP's. Motion made by Harve Erickson, seconded by Shane Crook, motion carried. Forest Service updated SVCD on Black Canyon and Cabin Creek. They have one more field season to complete to identify existing gaps in desired conditions. Then they will prepare for NEPA. Justin Laycock and Brad Jacobsen then left the meeting.
 - ESD
 - Kay Lynn Nield will attend the ESD refresher course in Big Piney, WY on May 28, 2020. This is hosted by Sublette County Conservation District and Sherri Meeks the range specialist for the district, Karen Clause NRCS Range Specialist, and Brian Christianson NRCS soils specialist. Kay Lynn will coordinate with DeMont Grandy

from Lincoln Conservation District, Brad Jacobsen from Greys River Ranger District and Aaron Zobell from Kemmerer Ranger District to go to this meeting. We need to all be on the same page for ESD monitoring and this will make sure that is happening as we move forward with ESD development.

- It was discussed that WLCI grant is due May 15, 2020. Kay Lynn Nield will check with DeMont Grandy, Brad Jacobsen, and Aaron Zobell to see if this would be appropriate for ESD funding.
- No-Till Drill
 - We have rented the no till drill to Larry Nield, Ron Potter, and West Hills Ranch. There are more landowners signed up to use the drill. Shane Crook checked on the price of an alfalfa seeder to add to the drill. It would cost \$5000. John Deere will look at finding a used one that would be less money. Rollin has replaced bearings and wheels on the drill. The aftermarket bearings do not hold up as well as John Deere parts. We will use John Deere parts going forward. Rollin asked if he could trade the work, he does on the drill for using the drill. Discussion was held and it was decided to bill Rollin Gardner's work on the drill separate from the drill rental for tax purposes.
- Greys River Forest Collaborative:
 - Kay Lynn will reorganize starting in June.
- AAWPC will continue to meet to plan an open house for wildfire protection in the Alpine Area. No solid date yet because of Covid restrictions in the Forest Service.
- Water Quality Grant is Due May 15, 2020. We will apply for septic workshops and \$ to finish the Swift Creek Restoration Project. We will not do water projects on the Forest Service lands at this time as they do not affect the Salt River. Priority funding is given to Salt River where it is listed for E.coli.
- Budget Work meeting. It was discussed that we may need a budget work meeting before our next regular meeting. No date was set. If we need a meeting, we will advertise it on the website.
- Swift Creek Restoration Project-Max Merritt/Larry Nield. Kay Lynn Nield met with Leslie Steen from Trout Unlimited, Adam Clark-NRCS, landowners and contractors on May 4, 2020 to go over logistics of the project.

New Business

- **Subdivision Reviews/Conditional Use Permits:** none
- Water Quality Recertification Training was held by zoom meeting April 27, 2020. Kay Lynn Nield attended. Links to PowerPoint are at this link.
<https://wacd.box.com/s/un4xpurs0hm2ba2e0582x8o8vdvkrzjd>
- Kay Lynn Nield will order water testing supplies for the season.

Meeting adjourned by Shane Crook at 8:15

