

Minutes of Board May 8, 2019
7:00 p.m.
Star Valley Conservation District Office
PO Box 216, 61 E. 5th Avenue, Afton WY 83110

Rollin Gardner called the meeting to order at 7:15 pm. In attendance were Rollin Gardner, Shane Crook, Jeff Johnson, Kay Lynn Nield and Gary Blazejewski.

Minutes: Minutes for April 2019 were reviewed. Motion to approve the minutes was made by Jeff Johnson, and seconded by Shane Crook, motion carried.

Financials: Vouchers and credit card statements were reviewed. Bank Statements for April 2019 were reviewed. Motion to pay vouchers and approve the financials was made by Shane Crook, seconded by Jeff Johnson, motion passed.

Agency Updates: NRCS

- Gary Blazejewski gave updates on NRCS projects. (see NRCS report attached)
- The Larry Nield/Max Merritt project is moving forward. There will be a pre-bid contractor meeting on May 15, 2019 to look at the project area.

Agency Updates: Extension-none

Unfinished Business:

- 319 Updates
 - Merritt/Draney/Anglesey/Nelson project
 - Water Testing: Resume in 2019
 - Synoptic Studies: Will move forward to Spring 2020
 - 319 Amendment: Complete
 - Tyson and Hal Hepworth Project.
 - Lane Walton: Drill in 2019
 - Joe Nield: Drill 3 wells for offsite water in 2019.
 - Lance Bateman
 - The 319 projects and billing are progressing. Billing is complete for septic workshops. BMP and Water Testing billing is being completed.
- WDA Grant-Ken Clark
 - Final vouchers are progressing.
- Public Records Request: Kay Lynn is finishing up the request.
- No-Till Drill
 - The Board looked over the contract that Laramie/Fort Lingle uses for their no-till drill. We will use this as a template for our drill. We will charge \$10/per acre for using the drill. Kay Lynn Nield will get a ruling from the Department of Revenue to know if we need to charge sales tax. The drill will be available on a first come first serve basis. Shane Crook and Rollin Gardner will send operating instructions/tips to put on the contract for producers.

- WDA Water Quality Grants are due May 13, 2019. Brad Jacobson from the Forest Service will get the written grants to Kay Lynn Nield for Dry Creek, Blind Trail, and Suter Canyon. Leslie Steen from Trout Unlimited will provide the initial draft for Larry Nield/Max Merritt grant. We can use 319 money for fencing and offsite water as the match for this project.
- Star Valley Community Expo is May 9, 2019
- BT Vacant Allotments: There is a conference call May 9th with Forest Service, Wyoming Stock Growers, Wyoming Wool Growers, and conservation districts on the vacant allotments and what the plans are moving forward.
- The budget was presented to the board. Motion to accept the budget made by Jeff Johnson, seconded by Shane Crook. The budget meeting with the commissioners is May 15 at the Thayne town hall at 11:00 a.m.
- Greys River Forest Collaborative: Rollin Gardner signed the agreement to extend the MOU with UW through September 2019. Natural Resource mediation training is a new budget item. Kay Lynn Nield will attend this training offered by UW Ruckelshaus Institute. This will help with running the collaborative.

New Business

- Subdivision Reviews/Conditional Use Permits:
 - David Corbin-Rimfire Ranch 2nd filing
 - Heiner-Willow Creek Wilderness Ranch
 - Motion to approve made by Jeff Johnson, seconded by Shane Crook, motion carried

Meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.