

Minutes of Board November 7, 2018
7:00 p.m.
Star Valley Conservation District Office
PO Box 216, 61 E. 5th Avenue, Afton WY 83110

Roger Coles called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. In attendance were Roger Coles, Jeff Johnson, Harv Erickson, Kay Lynn Nield and Gary Blazejewski. Rollin Gardner and Shane Crook were absent.

Minutes: Minutes for September 19 were reviewed. Motion to approve the minutes was made by Jeff Johnson, seconded by Harv Erickson, motion carried.

Financials: Vouchers and credit card statements were reviewed. Bank Statements for September and October 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
3951	Void-Misprint	Void	3965	WACD	759.00
3952	Void-Misprint	Void	3966	Kay Lynn Nield	984.24
3953	Void-Misprint	Void	3967	Kay Lynn Nield	713.40
3954	Void-Misprint	Void	3968	Void-Misprint	Void
3955	Void-Misprint	Void	3969	Kay Lynn Nield	780.66
3956	Void-Misprint	Void	3970	Kay Lynn Nield	774.75
3957	Void-Misprint	Void	3971	Kay Lynn Nield	110.82
3958	Blue Cross Blue Shield	1729.70	3972	Kay Lynn Nield	124.67
3959	Broulim's	22.98	3973	EFTPS	444.40
3960	First Bank Card	353.31	3974	EFTPS	168.52
3961	Quality Pump and Drilling	2061.40	3975	Wyoming Retirement System	654.19
3962	Silverstar Communications	112.73	3976	First Bank Card	84.61
3963	SVI Media	133.50	3977	Silverstar	112.73

3964	US Post Office	50.00	3978	US Treasury	170.16
			3979	SVI Media	410.00

Agency Updates: NRCS

- Gary Blazejewski gave updates on NRCS projects. (see NRCS report attached)
- The **Regional Conservation Partnership Program (RCPP)** promotes coordination between NRCS and its partners to deliver conservation assistance to producers and landowners. NRCS provides assistance to producers through partnership agreements and through program contracts or easement agreements. This is on hold until the new farm bill is approved in Congress.
- NRCS is working on MOU (memorandum of understanding) to sign with all districts.
- No till Drill Update: No Conservation Innovation Grant (CIG) available at this time.
- Dry Creek Irrigation is working with NRCS on phase 2 of the pipeline replacement.

Agency Updates: Extension

- No updates

Wyoming Department of Agriculture:

- Justin Caudill called into the meeting to discuss RHAP projects. The Department of Agriculture is offering RHAP's on vacant allotments that don't have permittees. Fred Roberts sheep allotments in the Big Greys would be one of these. SVCD is working with the Forest Service to submit an RHAP grant for funding the monitoring on these allotments. The Department of Agriculture (Justin Caudill) is offering to have SVCD partner with Sublette County Conservation District or Lincoln Conservation District to help with the new RHAP. This will help move forward the broader discussion on vacant allotments on the Bridger Teton National Forest. After discussion it was moved by Harv Erickson and seconded by Jeff Johnson to partner with Sublette County.

Unfinished Business:

- 319 Updates
 - Merritt/Draney/Anglesey/Nelson project: Bruce Edwards has completed the well for Anglesey's. We will put the water trough in next spring. The Draney well will be drilled before winter.
 - 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: SVCD will request to amend the 319 grant to put more money towards the septic workshops from the shallow well testing in Auburn. No landowner approval for Auburn testing.
 - Tyson and Hal Hepworth Project: Electric Fence and water gaps are installed. Tyson H. will get receipts to SVCD for the cost share. Tyson Hepworth also wanted to install nose

pump cattle water system on the shallow wells that are on his property. He will research this, and we will install in 2019 as a way to water the cattle off stream.

- Lane Walton: Drill in 2019
- Joe Nield: Drill 3 wells for offsite water in 2019.
- Septic Workshops: Septic workshops were well attended. We had over 40 people attend all the workshops. We will bill this to the 319 in December 2018.
- Greys River Forest Collaborative:
 - The next forest collaborative meeting will be November 29, 2018 at the Etna Community Center from 9am-3pm.
 - The Joint Chief's grant is due to be turned in on November 19, 2018. Gary Blazjewski and Justin Laycock are working on the grant details. We are hoping that this will provide money to go towards the stream restoration project in Max Merritt and Larry Nield properties along Swift Creek. This would also provide extra budget dollars to the Forest Service for weed control, road repair for timber harvesting, and timber harvest. This is all outlined in the objectives of the collaborative. The links to the collaborative can be found on the conservation district website www.starvalleycd.org.
 - SVCD signed a facilitation contract with University of Wyoming Ruckelshaus Institute to pay for Jessica Western to lead the collaborative process. The previous contract with Ruckelshaus Institute for 2017 was just under \$10,000. This was paid with a grant from the Wyoming Department of Forestry. This was initiated by Jonathan Tiechert at Lincoln County Planning office. SVCD became the lead sponsor on this at the request of the Lincoln County Commissioners when Jonathan T. left the planning office. The contract with Ruckelshaus Institute for facilitation for 2018 was signed by SVCD in January of 2018. The cost was \$1650 per meeting up to \$10,000. That would fund 6 meetings. Lincoln County Commissioners and the Forest Service each committed to pay \$5000 for facilitation to be paid to SVCD in 2018 as per meetings held between the commissioners and Forest Service at the Forest Supervisors office in Jackson. In our budget request SVCD asked for and received funding from the commissioners for \$10,000 to fund the collaborative through 2018. SVCD asked for this because the commissioners had only received verbal assurance of the forest service funding and SVCD had no way to ensure payment to the facilitator with no contract in place with the forest service. Patricia O'Connor assured SVCD that she and Justin Laycock would work through their process to get the money to SVCD. Kay Lynn has been in contact with Justin Laycock throughout the year on this. Justin assured SVCD that they were working on the funding. In September Kristi Von Krosigk, that handles contracting with for the Forest Service, contacted SVCD about signing a contract for the funding. The Forest Service needed a current SAM and DUNNS number to be able to contract with SVCD. SVCD didn't have a SAM and DUNN number and it's taken a few days to get the paperwork in place for this and wait for it all to process through the government system. SVCD signed a contract with the FS at the end of September for the \$5000. This was at the end of their budget year. The contract needed to be in place to receive funding for this year and before the fire budgets were taken out per Kristi. It has taken the Forest Service a long time to get this in place and work through their process, but the contract is signed now.

- RHAP Big Greys and Strawberry/Dry Creek. Kay Lynn Nield and Justin Caudill finished the final reports.
- Water Quality grant for Spring Creek is complete. Kay Lynn Nield and Justin Caudill finished the final report.
- RHAP grants for Fred Robert's sheep allotments:
 - The RFP is due November 30, 2018. 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.
 - Kay Lynn Nield met with Justin Caudill, Mike Henn, Shari Meeks, and DeMont Grandy in October regarding the ongoing RHAP program. Discussion was had on tall forb monitoring for the vacant allotments on the Bridger Teton. SVCD, Sublette CD, and Lincoln CD will coordinate the tall forb monitoring with the forest service so that the data will be what the FS needs to move forward with their decision process. This will ensure that all of the conservation district monitoring is the same.
- Curtis Haderlie/TCD Food Compost Project: Curtis has purchased the recycling bins and is now composting the food waste that is collected.



- Procurement Rule: SVCD will initiate the rule making process in 2019.
- Elections: Roger Coles position will be filled by Cole Helm. Roger will go off the board at the January meeting. Shane Crook, Jeff Johnson, and Harv Erickson were all re-elected.
- Public Records: Kay Lynn Nield finished the records request for FY15/16. When the email was received by American Transparency/Open the Books they requested for the 2017 calendar year. Kay Lynn will send this information to them.
- Elections: Roger Coles will not be running for re-election. Cole Helm will be running in the general election for Roger's position (Rural 4 year). Shane Crook, Jeff Johnson, and Harv Erickson are also running for re-election. All the paperwork has been submitted to the county to put on the ballot.
- Website updates: Website is updated regularly.
- WACD Region V meeting September 13, 2018 in Baggs, WY.
 - Discussed Good Neighbor authority between the State of Wyoming and Forest Service- pending new governor
 - RHAP-Vacant Allotments-What are the next steps to engage the Bridger Teton Forest
 - Statewide watershed report from WACD
 - (See attached information)
- WDA-Water Quality RFP: SVCD will not apply at this time. Kay Lynn Nield talked to Brad Jacobsen at the Forest Service about the Dry Creek water trough. They Forest Service would like to pursue this, but SVCD needs more time to work out the details with the Forest Service before going forward. Scott Linford asked SVCD to partner on a water quality project. He has a ditch running through his corrals for water. He wanted to see if SVCD could cost share a well and troughs. Currently he has water to the corral from a house next door to his property. The house has sold, and he would have to use the ditch to water the livestock. After further investigation he decided to work with the adjacent property owner rather than pursue SVCD funding.

- Kay Lynn Nield asked the board members to contact any producers that could have 319 projects for us to partner on. There are 3-5 water projects that could be done in the upper valley at this time. Kay Lynn will get more information on the projects after the first of the year.
- Surplus Computer-Mini Mac-SVCD will sell this computer in 2019.
- SVCD set dates for the next board meetings
 - October-no meeting
 - November 7, 2018 7:00 pm at SVCD office
 - December 5, 2018 6:00 pm at Dad's
- WACD Winter Meeting is Nov. 14-16 in Evanston, WY. Roger Coles, Rollin Gardner, Jeff Johnson, Harv Erickson, and Kay Lynn Nield will attend.
 - Tickets are available to purchase for the Wyoming Natural Resource Trust Fund
 - Auction Item for SVCD-Kay Lynn will find something.

New Business:

- Subdivision Reviews/Conditional Use Permits: Motion to approve made by Harv Erickson, seconded by Jeff Johnson, motion carried.
 - Deon and Quinn Heiner-simple subdivision
 - Kelly and Celia Johnson-minor subdivision
 - Peter and Marsha Lugenbuehl-simple subdivision
 - Scott and Teresa Moore-simple subdivision
 - Robyne Befeld-simple subdivision
 - Tim and Cindy Allred-simple subdivision (4 reviews)
 - Lynn Viegel-simple subdivision
 - Scott and Teresa Moore-simple subdivision
 - Stanley and Marcia Thurmon-simple subdivision
 - R. Scott Bevan-simple subdivision
 - Mike and Lisa Dusselier-simple subdivision
- Trout Unlimited/SVCD Grant: Trout Unlimited asked that we apply for a small water grant through the Wyoming Water Development Commission. This would help with funding for the Max Merritt and Larry Nield stream restoration project. Trout Unlimited would help with the grant administration. Motion to apply for water grant made by Jeff Johnson, seconded by Harv Erickson, motion carried.
- The next meeting will be on December 5th at Dad's in Thayne, Wyoming.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m. by Jeff Johnson