

Minutes of Board September 11, 2019
7:00 p.m.
Star Valley Conservation District Office
PO Box 216, 61 E. 5th Avenue, Afton WY 83110

Regular Board Meeting

Rollin Gardner called the regular meeting to order at 7:00 pm. In attendance were Rollin Gardner, Shane Crook, Jeff Johnson, Harve Erickson, and Kay Lynn Nield. Cole Helm was absent.

Minutes: Minutes for July 2019 were reviewed. Motion to approve the minutes with spelling changes was made by Shane Crook, and seconded by Harve Erickson, motion carried.

Financials: Credit card statements were reviewed. Bank Statements for August 2019 were reviewed. SVCD is switching to QuickBooks Online. Vouchers were not available for review because of the new program. They will be ready for review at our October meeting. Miles CPA is preparing SVCD F-32 to submit to the Department of Audit.

Agency Updates: NRCS

- Adam Clark is still serving as Acting DC for Afton until sometime in October. Once we hear an update on who will be serving as Acting after Adam, may be Janessa until the DC position is hired, but we will keep the districts informed.
- State office plans to have DC position advertised sometime this month—has been submitted for posting, just waiting on HR system.
- NRCS was able to get 16 FY19 EQIP applications obligated to contracts. 14 of these in SVCD, 2 in Lincoln CD, and still waiting on 1 application in Teton County. Of the 14 SVCD FY19 EQIP contracts, 2 are Streambank Stabilization projects, 1 is a Spring Development for Livestock Water, 3 are Sprinkler Systems/Pivots, and 8 are Irrigation Infrastructure/Pipeline Replacements.
- We had 6 applications for the new Conservation Stewardship Program- Grassland Conservation Initiative program. 4 of these are in SVCD and 2 in Lincoln CD.
- Announcement Released for RCPP Funding (I attached the funding announcement)—if anyone is interested, contact Afton Field Office and we will work with the NRCS State Office staff.
<https://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/main/national/programs/financial/rcpp/>

Discussion was held regarding how to use the RCPP. Kay Lynn will follow up with NRCS to see if it could be used for timber harvest, pipeline replacement, or other water projects.

Agency Updates: Extension-none

Unfinished Business:

- 319 Updates
 - Merritt/Draney/Anglesey/Nelson project

- Rob Anglesey is finishing the well and water trough. This should be complete before winter.
 - Water Testing:
 - Water Testing is ongoing. We have had tests that exceed the primary river recreation limits.
 - Synoptic Studies: Will move forward to Spring 2020
 - Tyson and Hal Hepworth Project.
 - Nose waters are on backorder.
 - Lane Walton
 - Kay Lynn spoke to Lane Walton. He is still interested in drilling a well. Will continue to follow up.
 - Joe Nield:
 - One site has been selected. We will pursue well drilling permit.
 - Lance Bateman
 - Landowner is willing to partner. Will continue to pursue water gap and fencing.
 - Billing is ongoing
- BT-Vacant Allotments/RHAP
 - RHAP Blind Bull-Deadman-Grizzly Basin
 - Will start monitoring plan in the fall
 - RHAP Blind Trail-Stewart
 - BT Forest signed partnership agreement. Kay Lynn submitted the completed application to WDA for the next round of RHAP funding.
 - Letter from Dept. of Ag to BT regarding monitoring. <https://1drv.ms/b/s!AlHqkxSJ7cx8gcIkQYNKYrmTFNzOSg>
Discussion was held regarding the inconsistency of the BT monitoring and how the internal conflicts within the BT are holding up NEPA decisions on grazing allotments. The request from the Department of Ag to the BT should help clarify monitoring so decisions can be made.
 - ESD Monitoring-All CD's have signed the MOU. Mike Henn with Sublette CD will reach out to the BT Forest Service to initiate monitoring on allotments.
 - There will be an upcoming meeting regarding vacant allotments at the Wyoming Stock Growers meeting in December at their convention during the public lands committee meeting. SVCD will consider attending.
- No-Till Drill
 - We are still waiting on a sales tax determination from the Department of Revenue.
- Greys River Forest Collaborative:
 - Kay Lynn is will attend session 3 of the Collaboration in Natural Resource Mediation Training in Casper, WY on September 25-27, 2019. The first session focused on collaborative problem solving in small groups. There were different scenarios given for the group to work through. The session also had an introduction to negotiation and negotiation skills. Session two focused on conflict skills. Participants were given a Meyers-Briggs test to help determine how to use each person's unique skills and personality when involved in negotiation and leadership.

- Kay Lynn Nield attended the Grover Park field trip for the Greys River Forest Collaborative. There were various suggestions from the group on how to proceed with the Grover Park recommendations to the Forest Service. The updates are on the conservation district website. <https://1drv.ms/b/s!AIHqkxSJ7cx8gcIohxrPW6866wddMA>
<https://1drv.ms/b/s!AIHqkxSJ7cx8gcImUTk04I0-E6DOAw>
- Kay Lynn Nield attended the Fire Wise Program/CMAT (Community Mitigation Assistance Team) meeting in Alpine, Wyoming on August 28, 2019. This was to further plan for a CMAT team to come to Alpine to make recommendations for catastrophic wildfire.
- Forest Collaborative Meeting August 29, 2019 from 9am to 3pm at the Etna Community Center. Recommendations were made to form a subcommittee to map Grover Park and come up with recommendations to take to the public and then to the forest. (Minutes on website.)
- Kay Lynn Nield and Dean Burnham are following up on Good Neighbor Authority with the Forest Service and how to use it with collaborative projects. There were informational meetings on August 20 and 27 and will be another follow up on September 13 with the grant's coordinator from Region 4 office.
- We have signed the contract with the Forest Service for funding of the Collaborative.
- Coalition of Local Governments-meeting September 30, 2019. We can call into the meeting.
- Board email-Each board member needs an email separate from their personal email.
- All tickets are sold for the

New Business

- **Subdivision Reviews/Conditional Use Permits:** none
- Mediation Training Jackson, WY October 22-25, 2019. Kay Lynn Nield will attend this training.
- Conflict Coaching Oct. 29, 2019 Cheyenne, WY in conjunction with CPNR training. Kay Lynn will go to this training.
- Area V meeting- Harve Erickson and Kay Lynn Nield went to the Area V meeting. There was supervisor and board member training. Updates from the Wyoming Department of Agriculture and NRCS. There were no new resolutions.
- Wyoming Association of Conservation District Meeting Nov. 14-15, 2019 in Buffalo, WY. Rollin Gardner will attend for SVCD.

Meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.