

Minutes of Board September 23, 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 7:15 p.m. In attendance were Rollin Gardner, Jeff Johnson, Harve Erickson, Cole Helm, Adam Clark, and Kay Lynn Nield. Shane Crook was absent.

Minutes: Minutes for August 12, 2020 were reviewed. Power point presentations were not available from the August 12 meeting. These will be reviewed in November.

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

Agency Updates NRCS: Adam Clark gave updates on NRCS. The Area V Meeting was held September 11, 2020. See notes.

Agency Updates Extension: none

Unfinished Business:

- 319 Updates-Final Report and Water Quality Data submissions are in progress.
- Bridger Teton National Forest
 - Vacant Allotments/RHAP
 - RHAP Blind Bull-Deadman-Grizzly Basin.
 - RHAP Blind Trail-Stewart
 - Monitoring took place on July 11-31, 2020.
 - Billing was submitted by Cirrus along with a synopsis of completed work. All of the monitoring was completed in one field season. The files were returned to the Forest Service by Kay Lynn Nield in August. Cirrus will present their findings later in the year. SVCD and USFS personnel will complete any additional monitoring next field season to complete the RHAP matching funds.
 - Black Canyon and Cabin Creek monitoring are almost complete according to USFS personnel. These allotments should have NEPA analysis soon.
 - ESD-WLCI
 - We received funding through WLCI for ESD development. Kay Lynn is in contact with Aaron Zobell (USFS) and DeMont Grandy (LCD) on this project. We will meet this winter to get everything in place for monitoring next year.
- No-Till Drill
 - Shane Crook and Rollin Gardner made inquiries on the cost of an alfalfa seeder for the no till drill. It would cost about \$4000 if we can find one. Discussion was had on upgrading the drill by trading it in on a newer model. No decision was made.

- Greys River Forest Collaborative:
 - With Forest Service Covid restrictions the collaborative is on hold.
- AAWPC
 - AAWPC met September 15, 2020. The minutes from the previous meeting were approved. The neighborhood ambassador program has been successful in educating people in subdivisions about wildfire and how to make peoples home's safer if a wildfire was ignited. There will be a chipper day on October 3rd, 2020. The county is providing a chipper to each of the neighborhoods to chip the debris from the cleanup around homes. SVCD will provide a trailer to haul off the debris. Alpine Fire Department will have a pickup to pull the trailer.
 - Kay Lynn Nield(SVCD), Patty Pringle(Lincoln County Fire wise), and Angie Crook(USFS Fire Prevention) met with the Lincoln County planning office to see if the county would give us space for packets about living with wildfire to be given out when people get building permits. There is space by the front doors where the building permits are. Patty will work on getting the packets made over the fall and winter.
- WDA Water Quality Grant
 - We will have septic workshops in the fall/winter. No dates are set yet
 - Swift Creek Restoration-See below
- Swift Creek Restoration Project-Max Merritt/Larry Nield.
 - Shane Crook checked with Simplot on the rock for the project and they do not have any at this time.
 - Rock has been found at the mine in Soda Springs it will need tested and approved by NRCS before it can be used.
 - There will be a walk-through of the project on Sept. 24th at 1pm with partners and engineering.
 - SVCD will submit all paperwork to Wyoming Water Development Commission for our small water grant that is helping fund this project.
- Wyoming Water Development Commission Level 1 Watershed for Hoback River and Greys River
 - Consultants were interviewed on September 14th, 2020. Final approval is pending.
- Lincoln County Land Use Plan
 - SVCD is participating on the steering committee for the Lincoln County Land Use Plan update. Board members have been receiving pre-planning documents to provide input.
- Coalition of Local Government
 - SVCD Board members have been receiving updates on the CLG.82
- RCPP application field trip. Leslie Steen with Trout Unlimited, Anna Senecal with Wyoming Game and Fish, and Kay Lynn Nield went on a field trip on the Salt River on August to look at different projects that landowners might be interested in participating with the RCPP. We will follow up with them later in the fall.
- McKay Haderlie and Tracey Sorensen with Lincoln County School District came to the office to look at resources the conservation district has for their elementary science classes. They have used the lesson planning books/resources that we have through Project Learning Tree, Wyoming Game and Fish, Agriculture in the classroom, and WILD. They will use some of our water models in future lessons. SVCD has continued to provide lesson planning information when we receive information from other sources.

New Business

- Subdivision Reviews-none
- WACD 75th annual convention -Torrington, WY November 16-18th.
 - Rollin and Kay Lynn will attend
 - Gator Tickets were given out to be sold for the Wyoming Natural Resource Foundation
- Base Funding
 - The base funding requirements were reviewed by the board. Motion was made by Jeff Johnson that SVCD has followed all the base funding procedures from the WDA seconded by Harve Erickson, motion carried.
- There will be no meeting in October. November meeting will be held after the state meeting.

Motion to adjourn by Harve Erickson

Adjourned at 8:00

