

MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 16, 2020 MEETING OF THE
CONVERSE COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT (CCCD) BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Present: Stan Mitchem, Shelly Falkenburg, Susan Downs, Sharon Lovitt, Michelle Huntington, Anna Gray, Tim Schroeder

Absent: Doug Horner (unexcused)

Guest: Colt Rodeman

Chairman, Stan Mitchem, called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.

Minutes

Shelly Falkenburg moved to approve the December 19, 2019 meeting minutes as corrected. Susan Downs second, motion carried.

Treasurer's Report

Sharon presented the Treasurer's Report and the bills to be paid. The supervisors had the opportunity to review the December bank reconciliations prior to the meeting. Susan Downs moved to accept the treasurer's report and pay the bills. Shelly Falkenburg second, motion carried.

Chairman's Report

Stan encouraged the Board to review the Legislative Update's when Michelle sends them and to contact him with any comments or concerns. The WACD Board of Director's will begin having weekly conference calls to discuss legislative matters starting Friday, January 17, 2020.

LaPrele Irrigation District

Colt Rodeman, President of the LaPrele Irrigation District (LID), introduced himself and reported on the findings of the recently completed Level 2 Watershed Study. The dam has significant structural issues that need to be rehabilitated. There is the possibility of catastrophic failure which would affect not only the LID shareholders but the community and structures along the system. CCCD will research options to determine the ability to assist financially or otherwise.

NRCS Report

All NRCS staff just completed training on the new Farm Bill. Public comment on the interim rules for EQIP is open until February 17, 2020. A program batching date has not been announced. Some of the programs have been changed – Tim will continue to apprise the board as new information becomes available.

A snow pack report was given for various locations around Wyoming.

District Report

Anna presented a Community Pride Enhancement Grant Application. Susan Downs moved to approve the Glenrock Flower Club-Downtown Glenrock Beautification application in the amount of \$1,025.50. Sharon Lovitt second, motion carried.

Michelle informed the Board of the deductible options for adding the no-till drill to the District's insurance policy. Sharon moved to add the no-till drill to the policy with a \$1,000 deductible. Susan Downs second, motion carried.

Michelle reported that she submitted a comment letter to the USFS on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Thunder Basin National Grassland 2020 Plan Amendment. The Final EIS is expected sometime in May 2020.

Michelle reported that the BLM has issued the Preliminary Final Environmental Impact Statement regarding the Converse County Oil and Gas EIS for Internal/Cooperator review. She will be attending a Cooperator Meeting on January 17, 2020 and comments on the PFEIS are due January 21, 2020.

Anna reported on the ArcGIS training she attended in Rapid City. It was valuable and worthwhile for her to attend.

Old Business

The rental contract for the no-till drill was reviewed and discussed for the second time. Michelle will change the down payment amount to \$1,000 to reflect the insurance deductible change. Further discussion is tabled until the February CCCD meeting.

Other Business or Correspondence

Supervisor and Employee Certification Training is scheduled for February 25-27, 2020 in Cheyenne.

Seeing no further business, Stan Mitchem adjourned the meeting at 5:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Michelle Huntington