

MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 15, 2024 MEETING OF THE  
CONVERSE COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT (CCCD) BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Present: Stan Mitchem, Shelly Falkenburg, Sharon Lovitt, Patricia Taboga, Susan Downs, Michelle Huntington, Anna Gray

Absent: Kaitlin Hasler

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

Minutes

Sharon Lovitt moved to approve the January 18, 2024 meeting minutes as read. Patricia Taboga second, motion carried.

Treasurer's Report

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

Stan Mitchem and Sharon Lovitt signed the form assigning Converse County Bank as a depository for the year 2024 with pledged securities sufficient to secure deposits in excess of \$250,000.00.

NRCS Report

Michelle reported that Kaitlin Hasler has accepted a position with Bureau of Reclamation and last her last day with NRCS will be February 23, 2024. Douglas will be assigned an acting District Conservationist until a replacement can be hired.

Congress has until March to pass federal spending legislation to avoid a government shutdown.

District Report

Anna presented three Community Canopy applications that had public benefit verified. Susan Downs moved to approve the Thomas Swanz, Earlene Archer and Tim Horn applications as presented. Patricia Taboga second, motion carried.

Anna presented Community Pride Enhancement Grant applications for projects at the Wyoming Pioneer Memorial Museum, Fort Fetterman and Camp Douglas. Sharon Lovitt moved to approve the applications for beautification projects as presented. Susan Downs second, motion carried.

Anna presented a Resource Enhancement application for a new windshield wiper pivot. Sharon Lovitt moved to approve the Forgey-Smith Angus Ranch application. Patricia Taboga second, motion carried.

Michelle presented partner requests from Wyoming State Forestry and Wyoming Game and Fish for projects that need an agency to manage the funds already allocated. Susan Downs moved to enter into agreements with Wyoming State Forestry and Wyoming Game and Fish respectively. Sharon Lovitt second, motion carried.

Discussion was held on the latest WACD Legislative Update. The legislative session began on Monday, February 12, 2024 and bills of interest to conservation districts are being monitored. Michelle will email the WACD updates to the board on Mondays.

Discussion was held regarding a letter received from HDR Engineering, Inc. pertaining to the LaPrele Dam Replacement Project. They are requesting any information, comments or items of concern related to the proposed scope of the project. Michelle will write a letter that states our support for the project and offer any assistance that the CCCD can provide.

Other Business and Correspondence

Michelle reported that Abigail Ostrander won 1<sup>st</sup> place in the NACD national poster contest for last years' Stewardship Theme "One Water". The local radio station and newspaper will be contacted to announce the achievement.

Anna will be attending the WACD Supervisor and Employee Training in Cheyenne on February 20-22, 2024.

Upcoming:

March 21, 2024 – CCCD Board Meeting

Seeing no further business, Stan Mitchem adjourned the meeting at 5:19 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle Huntington