

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 (via phone), Michelle Huntington, Anna Gray, Thomas Tjepkes

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

Minutes

Susan Downs moved to approve the February 15, 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 February bank reconciliations prior to the meeting. Susan Downs moved to accept the treasurer's report and pay the bills. Patricia Taboga second, motion carried.

NRCS Report

Thomas introduced himself as the acting District Conservationist for Douglas. The detail is scheduled for 120 days. He updated the board on current status of EQIP and CSP applications received by the Douglas Field Office. The ranking deadline is Friday, March 22, 2024 and Thomas is anticipating that at least two contracts can be awarded with the \$194,000 Converse County received in its initial allocation. There are currently seven active contracts and Thomas is contacting all the producers involved.

District Report

Anna presented six Community Canopy applications that had public benefit verified. Patricia Taboga moved to approve the Kyle Parks, Diccene Smith, John Anderson, John Watson, Paul and Cary Smith and Jeremy Settelmeyer applications as presented. Sharon Lovitt second, motion carried.

Anna presented Community Pride Enhancement Grant applications for downtown beautification projects in Douglas and Glenrock. Patricia Taboga moved to approve the applications from Main Street Blooms and Glenrock Flower Club as presented. Susan Downs second, motion carried.

Anna presented a Septic Improvement application for a leach field replacement. Sharon Lovitt moved to approve the Wulf application as presented. Patricia Taboga second, motion carried.

Michelle reported on the WCDEA Annual Training that she and Anna attended March 12-14, 2024 and thanked the board for the continued opportunity to attend trainings and network with their peers.

Old Business

The 2014 Wyoming Legislative Session ended on March 8, 2024. The WACD board will have a final legislative call on Friday, March 22, 2024, to discuss bills the governor has signed, any line-item vetoes that occurred on bills of conservation concern and interim topics.

Michelle reported that the new vehicle ordered from Laramie Peak Motors and gone to production and should be received at the end of April/first part of May.

New Business

Michelle reminded the board of the 2014 NACD Stewardship Theme, "May the Forest Be With You Always". Shelly agreed to forward the poster contest and education materials information out to all CCSD #1 staff when she receives it from Michelle.

Michelle reported that Wyoming Resource Education Days (WYRED) will be held at Pathfinder Ranches, Alcova, WY June 17-20, 2024. Susan Downs moved to have CCCD pay for registrations and travel fees for campers and leaders attending from Converse County. Patricia Taboga second, motion carried.

Other Business and Correspondence

Upcoming:

April 18, 2024 – CCCD Board Meeting

Seeing no further business, Stan Mitchem adjourned the meeting at 5:13 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Michelle Huntington