

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

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

Chairman, Stan Mitchem, called the meeting to order at 4:32 p.m.

Minutes

Sharon Lovitt moved to approve the June 18, 2020 meeting minutes as read. Shelly Falkenburg 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 June bank reconciliations prior to the meeting. Susie Downs moved to accept the treasurer's report and pay the bills. Doug Horner second, motion carried.

Chairman's Report

Stan reported that the WACD leadership met in Casper on July 15th to conduct interviews for the WACD Executive Director position. Hunter Petsch was selected and will start on August 3, 2020. WACD continues discussion on how to proceed with area and annual meetings this year.

NRCS Report

Tim reported that the USDA Service Center in Douglas is currently in Phase 3 of re-opening and will remain that way for possibly another month. The doors remain locked and customers are being seen by appointment only.

Tim continues to work on contracts in the 2020 EQIP cycle. Seven of nine applications have been approved and funds are expected to be obligated in the coming weeks.

A brief precipitation report for various locations around the state was given.

District Report

Anna presented three Community Canopy cost-share applications. Sharon Lovitt moved to approve the Jackson and Kyle applications and cost-share on the portions that meet the public benefit criteria only. Susie Downs second, motion carried. Sharon Lovitt moved to deny the Page Community Canopy application as it does not meet the program criteria for public benefit. Susie Downs second, motion carried.

Michelle presented a sponsorship request for the 2020 Wyoming Natural Resource Foundation/FFA Foundation Golf Tournament. Shelly Falkenburg moved to provide a Gold Level sponsorship in the amount of \$300. Sharon Lovitt second, motion carried.

Wyoming Department of Agriculture Base Funding requirements were reviewed and discussed. Susie Downs moved to approve the 2020 Wyoming Department of Agriculture Risk Management Practices, Pursuing Local Funding, and Bonding requirements and to have the Chairman sign where required. Doug Horner second, motion carried.

Michelle reported that Anna has completed the RFP for a no-till drill that can be pulled behind a UTV or ATV and that it has been posted on Public Purchase. The board will act on this matter at their August board meeting.

Michelle reported that she is working cooperatively with the Converse County Commissioners and their hired consultant on updating the Converse County Natural Resource Plan. This endeavor will also benefit the update of the CCCD Land Use and Natural Resource Management Plan due in December.

New Business

Michelle reported that she and Anna will be manning our booth at Wyoming State Fair and board members are encouraged to stop by when they are available.

Sharon Lovitt moved to have names redacted on all cost-share applications in the future. Shelly Falkenburg second. Discussion: this will allow cost-share applications to be reviewed and approved/denied solely on the merit of the application. Motion carried.

Michelle was asked to find out if CCCD had By-Laws in place. Discussion on providing a regular conference call option for board meetings will occur in August.

Other Business or Correspondence

The board congratulated Anna on her one-year anniversary with CCCD.

Household Hazardous Waste Day is planned for September 12, 2020.

Seeing no further business, Chairman Stan Mitchem adjourned the meeting at 5:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Michelle Huntington