MINUTES OF THE JUNE 18, 2026 MEETING OF THE
CONVERSE COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT (CCCD) BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
4:30 p.m. USDA Service Center

Present: Sharon Lovitt, Shelly Falkenburg, Patricia Taboga, Stan Mitchem, Michelle Huntington, Halle Fegler, Stephanie Paul
Guest: Leroy Kingery

Chairman, Sharon Lovitt, called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.

Budget Hearing
The regular meeting recessed at 4:30 p.m. into a Public Hearing for consideration of the FY 2026/2027 Converse County Conservation District Budget. There were no comments from the public. The public hearing ended at 4:34 p.m. and the regular meeting was reconvened. Shelly Falkenburg moved to adopt the 2026/2027 Converse County Conservation District Budget allowing for the Cash on Hand and Mill Levy numbers to be adjusted when the year-end reconciliation occurs after June 30, 2026. Stan Mitchem second, motion carried.

Minutes
Shelly Falkenburg moved to approve the May 21, 2026, meeting minutes as read. Patricia Taboga second, motion carried.

Treasurer's Report
The Treasurer's Report and the bills to be paid were presented. The supervisors had the opportunity to review the May bank reconciliations. Patricia Taboga moved to approve the Treasurer's Report and pay the bills. Shelly Falkenburg second, motion carried.

NRCS Report
Stephanie is helping the Carbon County office with EQIP contracts and is assisting CCCD staff with the grazing plan for the Boot Ranch.

District Report
Halle presented a Resource Enhancement application for a fencing replacement project. Patricia Taboga moved to approve the Sarvey application as presented. Stan Mitchem second, motion carried.
Halle presented a Resource Enhancement application for two livestock water development projects that include drilling of two wells, solar, pipeline and tire tanks. Patricia Taboga moved to approve the Forgey-Smith application as presented. Stan Mitchem second, motion carried.
Halle presented a Septic Improvement application that had the work completed due to the emergency remediation required. Stan Mitchem moved to approve the Miller cost-share as presented. Stan Mitchem second, motion carried.
Halle presented a Community Canopy application that had public benefit verified. Patricia Taboga moved to approve the Steiger application as presented. Stan Mitchem second, motion carried.

Old Business

Discussion continued regarding the possibility of CCCD developing a cost-share or grant program related to fire. Ideas and next steps may be discussed again in the future. No action was taken.
Ongoing partner issues with NRCS were discussed. Michelle reported that she ordered a computer for Halle to use as it is unclear if or when one will be provided by NRCS. Subscriptions to Adobe, Microsoft and OnX were also discussed. CCCD staff continue to do the best they can with the roadblocks continually placed in front of them by NRCS.

New Business

The appointment letter drafted for the Wyoming Board of Agriculture (BOA) to act on appointing Leroy Kingery to fill the vacant urban position on the CCCD board was reviewed and signed by Sharon Lovitt and Michelle Huntington. Michelle will advise the board when the BOA meets and confirms Mr. Kingery's appointment.
A sponsorship request from the Converse County Fair Board was reviewed. Shelly Falkenburg moved to sponsor the 2026 Converse County Fair in the amount $2,000 specifically for unsponsored (static) awards. Patricia Taboga second, motion carried.
The 2026 Annual BBQ and Awards Night was discussed. The board elected to change the venue location to The Barn and after nomination discussion, the following were selected to be honored on July 16, 2026: Lifetime Conservation Award – John Sullivan; Cooperator of the Year – Shirley Baker; Appreciation Award – Ted Huntington; Windbreak Planter of the Year – Norm and Eddie Prager; Conservation Beacon Award – Brandon and Autum Werner.
Michelle noted the email that was sent to the CCCD board and staff regarding the office visit scheduled by WACD on June 23, 2026, at 2p. All who are available are asked to attend.

Other Business and Correspondence

Upcoming:

- July 16, 2026 – CCCD Board Meeting and Annual BBQ and Awards Night
- August 11-15, 2026 – Wyoming State Fair
- August 20, 2026 – CCCD Board Meeting
- September 19, 2026 – Household Hazardous Waste Day
- Week of November 16, 2026 – WACD Annual Convention held jointly with Wyoming Water Association

Seeing no further business, Sharon Lovitt adjourned the regular meeting at 6:01 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Michelle Huntington