LCCD Public Meeting Minutes

LOCATION: Laramie County Conservation District Office
DATE: July 9, 2026
TIME: 6:00 PM
Recorded by: Secretary Scott Cherek

In Attendance: Casey Epler, Jason Crowder, Ann Sanchez, Kevin Wells, Jay Berry
Guests: NRCS – Rusty

Monthly public meeting commenced at 6:35 PM

PROJECT STATUS – Kevin Wells

- Program Status – All projects are on track.
- Monthly Activity Report – Mariah – Jeff Geyer getting with engineers to solve solar pipeline repaired.

SUPERVISOR OVERSIGHT REPORTS

- **Treasurer** Ann Sanchez – Beginning Checking Account balance - $1,734,546.51, Total Income received in June - $356,621, Total expenses - $146,174.69 with net ordinary income of $146,174.69. Total cash on hand on 6/30/26 is $3,325,192.69.
- **Secretary** Scott Cherek presented findings from his review of the LCCD Supervisor Resource Information.
- **Wildlife/Range/Special Committee**
  - John Watson presented his findings and experiences from WYRED/Sublette County visit.
- **Water:** Supervisor Epler - No updates.
- **Trees:** Supervisor Berry – No updates
- **NRCS:** Rusty – Local office left in excellent shape following Tami Johns departure. 6 EQIP projects approved.
- **FSA:** Nothing to report

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM JUNE 2026 MEETING

Supervisor Epler moved to approve the minutes. Director Ann Sanchez seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Action Agenda 1 – Wyoming CLASS
Supervisor Casey Epler made a motion to authorize $50,000 be invested from one of the LCCD "Reserve" accounts. Supervisor Cherek seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Action Agenda 2 – Approval of Emergency CRP Grazing Plans
Supervisor Ann Sanchez made a motion to approve the two emergency grazing plans for Fornstrom and Harrower. Supervisor Berry seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

DISCUSSION

Investment Policy: Board agreed to review Investment Policy outline presented by Director Wells and provide feedback during the August meeting.

Bank Change: Hilltop/Platte Valley:
A motion was made by Supervisor Epler to switch our banking relationship from First Wyoming Bank to Hilltop Bank. Secretary Cherek seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Supervisor Retreat/Work Session:

- Supervisor Epler suggested holding the retreat later in the Fall
- The consensus of the board was to postpone the idea until late October or November

Executive Session:
A motion was made by Director Epler to hold an executive session following closure of the monthly public board meeting. Director Berry seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

Supervisor Sanchez made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion seconded by Supervisor Cherek. Motion passed unanimously.

Time of Adjournment: 7:36 PM MST

Next meeting scheduled for Thursday, August 20, 2026 @ 6:00 PM.

Jason Crowder, Chair

Scott Cherek, Secretary