



LCCD Public Meeting Minutes

LOCATION: Laramie County Conservation District Office

DATE: September 10, 2026

TIME: 6:00 PM

Recorded by: Secretary Scott Cherek

In Attendance:

Supervisors Casey Epler, Scott Cherek, Ann Sanchez, Jay Berry

LCCD Staff: Chris Vercelli, John Watson, Rachel Crowther, Erin Friel, Jacki Bakker

Guests: NRCS – Ali Beltran, Jesus Lopez, NRCS; Gene MacDonald City, Cheyenne MS4 Permitting

Monthly public meeting commenced at 6:00 PM

SPECIAL PRESENTATION –

City of Cheyenne – MS4 Permitting Program. Supervisor Sanchez made a motion to approve. Supervisor Berry seconded the motion, adding a request for additional time to review the contract before granting approval. Supervisor Sanchez concurred. Motion passed unanimously.

PROJECT STATUS – Full reports and updates provided by full staff. All projects continue to be on schedule.

- Project highlights: Belvoir Ranch riparian fencing approved and underway; 150 acres mapped for cheatgrass treatment; snow capture fence construction project ongoing at Mariah Ranch; one wildlife guzzler failing (evaporation).
- Governance/administration:
 - Audit completed; auditors to report back in November; board approved by consensus certified demand letter to delinquent customer.
 - Policy/retreat: Chair to circulate proposed fall dates for half- or full-day session to capture institutional knowledge before board turnover; Scott volunteered to help schedule/lead.

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- Outreach:
 - Library tabling and event logistics underway; coordinating National Grazing Association event (Oct 1-2, 2026)
 - Stream trailer lessons and trial runs planned before school events.
 - Next: build outreach inventory, promote workshops, leverage volunteers to scale events.

SUPERVISOR OVERSIGHT REPORTS

- **Treasurer** Ann Sanchez – Beginning Checking Account balance - \$1,908,196.83, Total Income received in July – 96,112.07, Total expenses - \$72,363.46. Total cash on hand on 8/31/26 is \$3,299,715.09.
- **Secretary:** Super Cherek: Reported that District Manager job description is completed/approved and he is posting the Position on WACD/NACD Job Boards, ConservationJobBoard.com, LinkedIn and Texas A&M (Staff recommendation)
- **Wildlife/Range/Special Committee:** Supervisor Crowder – Nothing to report.
- **Water:** Supervisor Epler - No updates.
- **Trees:** Supervisor Berry – No updates.
- **NRCS:** Jesus Lopez reported that the consolidation and reassignment of staff continue to occur at the Cheyenne office.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM July 2026 MEETING

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

NEW BUSINESS

- **Action Agenda 1 - Subdivision Reviews:** Supervisor Epler made a motion to approve Jeff Geyer review subdivision and county portal activity until new District Manager is hired. Supervisor Sanchez seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

DISCUSSION: Information/Unfinished Business

- **Discussion Agenda Item I – Cheatgrass Mitigation on Curt Gowdy State Park Surrounding Landowners**
 - John Watson provided an update on cheatgrass mitigation in Curt Gowdy. John will continue to keep the board apprised of any additional unforeseen costs.
- **Monday AM Staff Meeting:** Supervisor Cherek and Supervisor Crowder agreed to rotate attending the 8:30 AM Monday staff meeting until a new District Manager is hired.

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ADJOURNMENT

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

Time of Adjournment: 7:30 PM MST

Next meeting scheduled for Thursday, October 8, 2026 @ 6:00 PM.

Supervisor Epler made a motion to hold an executive session following closure of the monthly public board meeting to discuss personnel/legal issues. Supervisor Cherek seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously



Jason Crowder, Chair



Scott Cherek, Secretary