



LCCD Public Meeting Minutes

LOCATION: Laramie County Conservation District Office,

DATE: 12/11/25

TIME: 6:00 PM

In Attendance: Casey Epler, Jason Crowder, Ann Sanchez, Scott Cherek, Jay Berry, Kevin Wells, Kathy Cooney, Jeff Geyer, Jennifer Truett, Dale Beranek, Tami Jorns, NRCS, & Patty Wells

PROJECT STATUS - Kevin Wells

- 2 Projects Completed. Multiple projects are in holding pattern due to time of year and funding.
- Jeff and Kevin are invited to attend Wednesday meeting with LEADS, Wednesday, Dec-17th with Betsy.
 - The natural area is on their agenda.
 - Casey asked when/where the meeting will be taking place as he wants to attend meeting. Kevin said he was not aware of the location of the live meeting.
 - Invite came from Daunte.
- WHIP Program – Plants in nursery.
- Mariah project complete – Memo Fencing finished fencing on north end.
- Dale has ordered trees and Jennifer has completed ninety windbreak designs for 2026.
- Dale – Ordered similar qty to 2025.
- Kevin presented activity report.
 - Chris – Busy w/virtual fencing
 - Four members of the LCCD Team are attending a Grant Management Training in November
 - Kevin and Chris attended the WACD state meeting.

FINANCIAL REPORT – Ann Sanchez

- Presented current bank balance, net income, expenses, cash on hand.
- The Mill Levy check of \$104,000 is not included in abovementioned totals.
- Kevin noted ongoing concerns related to Wyoming Bank & Trust ownership transition. Board may need to consider a new banking relationship.
- Ann noted that new ownership of bank is based in SD and bylaws require our bank to be WY based.
- Kathy noted that current interest in our accounts is 3.1 and 1.5%, respectively.

SUPERVISOR OVERSIGHT REPORTS

- **Water:** (Casey), Chair – Nothing to report
- **Secretary** (Scott) – Not in attendance
- **Wildlife/Range** (Jason) – Nothing to report.
- **NRCS** – New soil tech starting in Q3. The new CSP program is under review for simplification. NRCS is seeking a new candidate for the open Engineering position.
- **Trees** (Jay) – Nothing to report.
- **Administration** (Ann) – Nothing to report.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

- Jason Crowder moved to approve minutes from November meeting. Ann Sanchez seconded. Passed Unanimously

UNFINISHED BUSINESS/GENERAL ORDER

- LCCD Annual Plan
 - Jason Crowder made a motion to approve the annual plan.
 - Ann Sanchez seconded
 - Motion passed unanimously
- LCCD Cash Investment Plan – Wyoming CLASS
 - Kevin met briefly with Chris Hunsaker at the State meeting and invited him to speak to the board on the opportunities to invest in alternatives to the current situation.

NEW BUSINESS

- Jason Crowder asked about the status of the Marketing & Outreach position.
 - Kevin had the staff complete JCQ surveys to help the Board better understand everyone's roles and how to optimize their time most efficiently.
 - Kathy Cooney noted that the bank balance is down \$71,000 from the same time last year.
- Solar – Jay asked for a status update on the solar project. The Board discussed moving discussion and voting on the project to next month's meeting when Scott is in attendance.
- Jay asked if the Board had time to meet following the Board meeting tonight.
- Kevin said he and Chris were attending a Virtual Fencing Symposium on Jan-8th to learn about updates and potential funding sources.
- The Board agreed to hold the January meeting on Wednesday, Jan-7th @ 6:00 PM
- Casey brought up the National Meeting. Kevin stated Staff were interested in attending this year and noted the expense is accounted for in the FY budget.

ADJOURNMENT

Ann Sanchez made a motion to adjourn the meeting and move into Executive Session. Motion seconded by Jason Crowder. Motion passed unanimously.

Time of Adjournment: 7:00 PM MST

Next meeting scheduled for Wednesday, January 7, 2026 @ 6:00 PM.

Casey Epler 01-07-2026 SCOTT CHEREK
Casey Epler, Chair Scott Cherek, Secretary

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