

Laramie County Conservation District

11221 U.S. Hwy. 30
Cheyenne, WY 82009

Regular Board Meeting

Thursday, Oct. 17th, 2019

4:00 p.m.

Attendance

Supervisors Present: Tom Farrell, Chairman; Kevin Wells, Vice Chairman; Ann Sanchez, Secretary.

District Employees Present: Shaun Kirkwood, Kathy Cooney, Dale Beranek, Clark Young, Jeff Geyer, Paul Sandler.

NRCS Employees Present: Mason Peebles

1. CALL TO ORDER

At 4:00 p.m. Tom called the board meeting to order.

2. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING- Sept. 19, 2019

Kevin moved to approve the minutes from the previous meeting;
Ann seconded the motion. MOTION CARRIED.

3. TREASURER'S REPORT- Profit and Loss Statement – (Sept. 2019) & Quarterly Budget Report (July-Sept. 2019) Shaun

Shaun presented the Treasurer's Report and the Board recommended to submit it for audit.

4. PROGRAM REPORTS –

–Education (Ann, Paul)

Ann stated she had assisted Paul at the Pathfinder Building on the LCCC campus with a booth for the 4-H Open House.

Paul stated he is waiting to hear back about sponsorship with the 4-H program. Paul also stated he finished with the after school program called ASK, and had a field trip today with Carey Junior High to the Outdoor School, and was assisted by Justin Ross, NRCS.

Tom stated the field trip went well and Paul even assisted a parent in changing a flat tire.

-Wildlife & Range (Kevin)

Kevin stated the grizzly bear population is doing well this year.

- Water (Tom, Jeff)

Tom stated Jeff is doing a wonderful job.

Jeff stated he has been busy purchasing plants, and working on some engineering with the assistance of Logan, NRCS engineer stationed in Torrington. Jeff stated Logan has helped a lot as the engineer the District was working with is no longer available.

- Trees (Dale, Clark)

Clark stated he did a presentation at the Pine Bluffs Lions Club Tuesday evening discussing the District's tree program.

Clark also stated he is preparing to mail tree orders, and will begin doing windbreak designs.

Dale stated he is working on fencing, and has about a week left on the county sites. Dale stated he will begin site prep, and doing soil samples for living snow fence sites as well.

Tom asked how much longer Dale will need the temporary help. Dale stated until he is finished fencing, probably another week.

- Administration (Shaun, & Kathy)

Kathy stated the audit will begin next week on Tuesday, as the auditor has jury duty on Monday. The auditors are usually in the office 3-4 days.

Shaun stated his information would be discussed later in the meeting.

-NRCS (Mason Peebles)

Mason also discussed the assistance of Logan, from the NRCS Torrington office, and how Logan won't have time to do all the designs the District will need, but will be coming to the LCCD office to assist and train Rex and Jeff with engineering.

Mason stated there is a lot of smooth brome in the county, and NRCS is trying to get a more productive grass to replace the brome. Mason stated Rex has a test plot in eastern Laramie County that they visited. Ann asked what was planted in the test plot. Mason stated a warm season, all native seed is planted in the plot.

Mason stated he is the new DC for this area, and that Farm Service Agency also has a new CED that started on September 16. Mason stated NRCS will be hiring two new employees, a soil conservationist and a technician.

Mason stated NRCS is sponsoring a Soil Health Workshop in Albin on November 5th, beginning at 3 pm at Mike Peterson's farm, then moving to the Albin Community Center. The District has agreed to co-sponsor the event.

Mason stated there is a new Farm Bill, but no new rules. Mason stated there are a lot of CRP acres expiring the end of this year. He stated spot checks will be done soon.

Conservation Plans:

② (1) CRP amendment/family death

Kevin moved to approve the listed Conservation Plans.

Ann seconded the motion. MOTION CARRIED.

Discussion Items:

5. Community Enhancement projects 2020- approval of Community Enhancement projects totaling \$4,474.25.

Kevin moved to approve all of the listed Community Enhancement projects.

Ann seconded the motion. MOTION CARRIED.

6. Other Business-attendance at convention in Buffalo, last call?

Kevin stated he will be attending state convention, and so will Ann. Shaun has made hotel reservations, and will do registrations for staff. An auction item was discussed, and a boot rack made of horseshoes was suggested as an auction item, and a horseshoe turkey was suggested for a silent auction item.


The annual awards banquet was discussed with possible locations. The new facility at CFD was suggested. Kathy will call to inquire about the rental fee. Tom suggested the staff choose a location soon to ensure a place and reserve it.

7. Adjournment-Tom

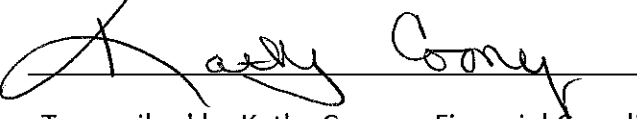
Tom adjourned the meeting at 4:50 p.m.



Thomas E. Farrell, Chairman



Ann Sanchez, Secretary



Transcribed by Kathy Cooney, Financial Coordinator