LAKE DeSMET CONSERVATION DISTRICT

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MINUTES FROM THE MEETING
September 19, 2017

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Fieldgrove. Those present included Clint Culliton, Priscilla Welles, Virgie Watt, Travis Rule, Luke Todd, Ryan Fieldgrove, Allison McKenzie, Amanda Hulet and Zach Byram.

Minutes from the August meeting were reviewed. Travis moved to approve the minutes as read. Priscilla seconded. Motion carried.

The treasurer's report was reviewed. Travis moved to accept the Treasurer's report as read and pay the outstanding bills. Virgie seconded. Motion carried. Please refer to the Treasurer's report for a list of all bills.

The bank statement for August has been reviewed and found to be in the order and reconciled.

In old business, Amanda asked the board to review and sign the Annual Report/Annual Plan of Work for this year. Board reviewed and signed document.

Zach gave an update on the Lake Muffy project. They are still pumping water out in order to get to the blockage in the dam. The plan is to build a coffer dam and have Carlat Construction come in and clean it out. The project is appearing to cost less so far than anticipated.

Zach updated the board on the Area 1 meeting held in Newcastle. Ryan and Amanda were also in attendance. Ryan is now the new alternate director for Area 1. He brought the procurement policy that has been drafted by a volunteer board from other conservation districts for use with WACD and the rest of the state. The board was asked to review the document and make comments for the next meeting.

Zach talked about the Forest Service Steering Committee Meeting. Allison also visited about the tour as well. Most of the time was spent discussing the Buffalo Municipal Watershed Project. The second day of the tour focused on private landowners and their concerns.

Zach and Allison discussed the Clear Creek EWP Project. This Friday is the deadline for the plan and estimates to fix each diversion and will be delivered along with the environmental paperwork that Allison was working on.

Field office activity as well as district personnel reports were given.

In new business, Zach brought a request from Peter John Camino to possibly use the aerator for sagebrush control. As long as we have the aerator, Peter John is welcome to use it so long as he can find equipment big enough to move and run it.

Clint Culliton visited with the board about the possibility of the Muddy Guard Grazing Association as well as Scott Rogers coming to the board and asking for monies to continue with the Willow Browse Study.

Zach & Ryan discussed the Recycling Center/E-Waste. The recycling center has received their 1 cent funds and will be paying for the second load of E-Waste. There is currently more talks being had as to find more sources to help with funding. Ryan gave a lengthy update on what happens to most of the recycled E-Waste. He had a meeting with the waste manager from Boulder County, Colorado. The discussion was enlightening.

Zach has now finished putting together lessons 1 & 2 for the small acreage enhancement and stewardship program. The first class will be Oct 9 from 6-9 at the Johnson County Library.

The elected official's tour is scheduled for Oct 4. We will be starting at the Johnson County Fire hall at 8:30 am and then leaving on the tour. This should be done by 1 pm.

Updates for this year's cost share program were that a number of applications have been given out but none have been received back yet. The same update was given for the soil testing program as well.

In correspondence, we received a letter to sponsor Natural Resource State Convention. Due to a tight budget year, Travis moved not to fund the sponsorship this year. Virgie seconded. Motion carried. It was suggested that Water Law be a topic of discussion at State Convention.

Our next meeting will be Tuesday, October 17th at 6 pm.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned by Chairman Fieldgrove at 8:10 pm.

Ryan Fieldgrove- Chair

Priscilla Welles - Secretary/Treasurer

I. **Treasurer's Report** –The beginning balance as of August 16, 2017 was $669,836.24. Since the August meeting, the District received $29.42 from FNB from the checking account interest, $168.00 from weed barrier sales, $80.00 for rain barrels, $8823.50 from base appropriation funding and $3,347.99 from mill levy. After all transactions as of 9/13/17, a balance of $660,513.04 remains.

Outstanding Bills:

1.	US Dept of Treasury	$ 1571.56
2.	Buffalo Bulletin	$ 225.00
3.	ACT	$ 40.00
4.	The Office	$ 24.12
5.	Weston County NRD	$ 20.00
6.	Amanda Hulet	$ 1407.06
7.	Zach Byram	$ 4051.64
8.	WACD	$ 31.62
9.	WACD	$ 12500.00
10.	Wyoming Retirement System	$ 1217.93
11.	Amanda Hulet	$ 159.96
12.	Zach Byram	$ 523.02
	TOTAL EXPENSES	**$ 21,772.11**