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MINUTES FROM THE MEETING
February 20th, 2018

The meeting was called to begin by Zach Byram. Those present included Ryan Fieldgrove, Travis Rule, Luke Todd, Allison McKenzie, Zach Byram, Amanda Hulet, Commissioner Bob Perry and Water Commissioner Dave Pelloux.

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Fieldgrove.

Minutes from the January meeting were reviewed as well as the treasurer's report. Luke moved to approve the minutes. Travis seconded. Motion carried. The treasurer's report was read and Luke moved to pay the outstanding bills. Travis seconded. Motion carried. Please refer to the Treasurer's report for a list of all bills.

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

The meeting began with the agenda being changed. The new business item B was moved to the beginning of the meeting and the rest of the agenda will stay as is.

Zach started with the Irrigation Conveyance Project he has been working on. He presented a power point and maps to the board and guests. Commission Perry gave his recommendations and advice on the county's position for this project and Dave Pelloux also gave information and advice. After two hours of discussion and questions, the board asked Zach to continue moving forward with research for this project.

Back to old business. Zach gave a brief update on the Ventenata/Medusahead Working Group Meeting that was recently held in Sheridan. The Ventenata has been found in two places in Johnson County and Rod with the Weed & Pest will be flying in early spring to see if he can find more. Zach did let Rod know that the Conservation District is willing to help where they can to fight this weed.

Zach & Allison discussed the soil health workshop they attended in Kaycee. Marlon Winger was the speaker and his knowledge of soil health and ideas on no till farming were well received. Zach and Amanda will be working on getting Marlon here to do a workshop next winter.

Zach & Amanda will be attending the WCDEA Winter Training in Lander in late March. The focus of this training is water project based and will be a great asset to the employees of the district.

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

In new business, Zach has received the minutes from the annual meeting of the Crazy Woman Watershed Improvement District. Of note was concerning the terms of Scott Rogers and Dave Fraley. They are both expiring this year but both have agreed to run again for next term. The election will take place on election day at the district office.

Zach gave a legislative update on HB066: Purchase of water rights and facilities. That bill has been sent back to committee. Also HB0023: Conservation District Audits passed the third reading in the house with a vote of 60-0. It is headed to the Senate.

In other business, the March meeting date will be Monday the 19th at 6:00 pm since Zach and Amanda will be at winter training in Lander. The board chose not to help sponsor a UW Football game during ag appreciation week in Laramie. Zach asked the board if they would like to place an ad in the Bulletin for the Salute to Ag Edition. Travis moved to have an ad up to \$225 but less if possible. Motion died for lack of second. There will not be an ad in the paper.

In correspondence, Zach asked the board if they were willing to support the small acreage program from UW. We have supported it in the past and it has been an excellent source of information for us as well as our constituents. Luke moved to support, Travis seconded. Motion carried.

Amanda has received a letter from the Dept of Workforce Services scheduling another audit to be performed in March.

Our next meeting will be Monday, March 19th at 6 pm.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned by Chairman Fieldgrove at 9:00 pm.



 Ryan Fieldgrove - Chair



 Priscilla Welles - Secretary/Treasurer

- I. **Treasurer's Report** –The beginning balance as of January 17, 2018 was \$757,345.12. Since the January meeting, the District received \$31.76 from FNB from the checking account interest, \$.01 payroll adjustment, \$47.25 from rain barrel sales and \$8,867.55 from mill levy. After all transactions as of 2/20//18, a balance of \$753,993.69 remains.

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Outstanding Bills:

1. US Dept. of Treasury	\$ 1536.52
2. Go Daddy	\$ 20.17
3. Cloud Peak Accounting	\$ 3000.00
4. WACD	\$ 90.00
5. ACT	\$ 40.00
6. Clifty View Nursery	\$ 1196.44
7. The Office	\$ 39.86
8. Buffalo Bulletin	\$ 150.00
9. Johnson County Cattle Women	\$ 100.00
10. Amanda Hulet	\$ 41.98
11. Zach Byram	\$ 86.14
12. Wyoming Retirement System	\$ 1034.45
13. Imagine That Signs & Graphics	\$ 221.00
14. Amanda Hulet	\$ 629.80
15. Zach Byram	\$ 4111.64

TOTAL EXPENSES \$ 12,298.00

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