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MINUTES FROM THE MEETING
March 19th, 2018

The meeting was called to begin by Vice Chairman Todd. Those present included Luke Todd, Travis Rule, Priscilla Welles, Commissioner Bill Novotny, Zach Byram, Amanda Hulet and Allison McKenzie.

Meeting was called to order by Vice Chairman Todd.

Minutes from the February meeting and the special meeting were reviewed as well as the treasurer's report. Priscilla moved to approve the minutes from both meetings. Travis seconded. Motion carried. The treasurer's report was read and Priscilla 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 February 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.

Allison began with the EWP project process. We will be getting the funds to do the project to fix the 3 ditch diversions on Clear Creek. 25% of the funds will have to be provided by someone other than NRCS. All that is left is final approval of funds then we will need to meet with the ditch companies, finalize plans and get contracts for each diversion. The district will be getting bids to help out. The board is considering holding a special meeting to finish going through this process.

Back to old business. Amanda gave a report on the Department of Workforce Services Audit. It is a no change audit and the auditor was impressed with the way we run our finances where we do not have a credit card and also a number of eyes seeing the bills before paying them.

Zach & Commission Novotny updated the board on a couple of house bills that have been signed by the governor. HB066: Purchase of water rights and facilities now gives the state ownership of water rights in Lake DeSmet. This will help the process of the Bull Creek Reservoir to move forward. HB0023: Conservation District Audits will now have audits based on revenue alone.

Zach updated the board on the tree orders. We are currently up to 750 trees sold. The balled & burlapped sales are over. We are still continuing to accept container grown and seedling orders.

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

In new business, a letter has been written to our congressmen regarding our support of keeping a district ranger for the Big Horn National Forest in Buffalo.

Zach gave the board the cost share applications from last year and asked the members to begin working on any changes they would like to make for this year. We would like to have applications ready to send out to the public by June and approval by August.

Zach said Anadarko has an interest refund request to the county. Our portion to pay back would be just over \$1400. We are currently waiting to hear the AG's opinion for the county before proceeding with any payment.

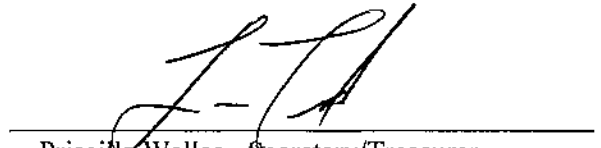
Board member elections were brought up again. Before, it was stated that Ryan and Priscilla's positions were up for reelection. Also up for reelection is Virgie's position.

Our next meeting will be Monday, April 17th at 6 pm.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned by Vice Chairman Todd at 7:35 pm.



Ryan Fieldgrove- Chair



Priscilla Welles - Secretary/Treasurer

- I. **Treasurer's Report** –The beginning balance as of February 21, 2018 was \$753,993.69. Since the February meeting, the District received \$29.15 from FNB from the checking account interest and \$2451.11 from mill levy. After all transactions as of 3/18/18, a balance of \$716,707.79 remains.

IV.

Outstanding Bills:

1. US Dept. of Treasury	\$ 1445.30
2. Johnson Rogers Cattle Co	\$ 30,000.00
3. Sagewood Café	\$ 92.25
4. Cloud Peak Accounting	\$ 750.00
5. ACT	\$ 40.00
6. Ryan Fieldgrove	\$ 251.56
7. Buffalo Bulletin	\$ 1264.00
8. Amanda Hulet	\$ 750.36
9. Zach Byram	\$ 4111.65
10. Wyoming Retirement System	\$ 1061.04

TOTAL EXPENSES \$ 39,766.16