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## MINUTES FROM THE MEETING July 17<sup>th</sup>, 2018

The business meeting was called to begin by Chairman Fieldgrove. Those present included Travis Rule, Virgie Watt, Priscilla Welles, Commissioner Bill Novotny, Ryan Fieldgrove (call in), Allison McKenzie (call in) and Amanda Hulet.

Minutes from the June meeting were reviewed as well as the treasurer's report. Virgie moved to approve the minutes from the meeting. Travis seconded. Motion carried. The treasurer's report was read and Travis moved to 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 June has been reviewed and found to be in the order and reconciled.

The meeting began with Chairman Fieldgrove calling the budget hearing to order. There was no public comment. Hearing adjourned.

In old business, Amanda and Ryan gave a brief update on the Ventenata/Medusahead found in Johnson County. The weed and pest is working to get a control on it.

Zach & Ryan presented the budget to the county commissioners on June 20<sup>th</sup>. Feedback was that the budget looked good and they have no issue with the district asking for a full mill again this year.

The board discussed the Russian Olive Project. The Wyoming Conservation Corps crews did an outstanding job getting all but about 5 trees removed. The district is now moving forward with a more intensive planting program next spring as well as weed abatement and education.

Zach attended the State Forestry Landowner Field Day. He was able to give a presentation on our seedling tree program.

Amanda gave a quick update on the cost share program. To date, no applications have been turned in however we still have a month to go.

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

In new business, Allison gave an update on the EWP project. Engineers are surveying this week. The Soaring Eagle Ranch is a cooperator now in the project. There have also been enough trees and root balls found to be put into the project that the district's cost as well as the ditch companies' cost will be considerably reduced. The board also discussed Zach becoming a signatory authority for EWP. He will be able to sign project documentation less the monetary documentation, which will have to be signed by board members. He will have to disclose all signed documents to the board members at the following meeting. This was moved by Priscilla, seconded by Virgie. Motion carried.

The tax refunds from energy companies are now starting to come in. Commissioner Novotny stated that these new refunds will come out of our mill levy checks.

Amanda reminded the board of WACD annual awards. She will email the nomination form and possible ideas for awards to board members.

Also brought up was that we now have the WNRF tickets for the gator available and there was also a thank you from the State 4H Foundation for our contribution.

Our next meeting will be Tuesday, August 21<sup>st</sup> at 6 pm.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned by Chairman Fieldgrove at 6:50 pm.

  
Ryan Fieldgrove - Chair  
Priscilla Welles - Secretary/Treasurer

- I. **Treasurer's Report** –The beginning balance as of 6/19/18 was \$719,436.80. Since the June meeting, the District received \$5,073.14 from the mill levy, \$3087.75 in tree sales, \$84.00 for a composter and 29.64 from checking account interest. After all transactions as of 7/16/18, a balance of \$713,795.99 remains.

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**Outstanding Bills:**

1. Intuit	\$ 488.25
2. US Treasury	\$ 1563.72
3. Dept of Workforce Services	\$ 502.00
4. Big Horn Mountain Radio	\$ 60.00
5. MTR Ranch Supply	\$ 879.32
6. Scantling Portable Toilets	\$ 236.25
7. Big Horn Coop	\$ 328.20
8. Wyoming Dept of Revenue	\$ 1856.21
9. ACT	\$ 40.00
10. Bolinger Welding	\$ 199.50
11. Wyoming Ag in the Classroom	\$ 100.00
12. Buffalo Bulletin	\$ 720.00
13. Amanda Hulet	\$ 1070.68
14. Zach Byram	\$ 4111.65
15. Wyoming Retirement System	\$ 1132.84
16. Amanda Hulet	\$ 490.46
17. Zach Byram	\$ 136.26

**TOTAL EXPENSES \$ 13,915.34**