



CONSERVATION DISTRICT

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**MINUTES FROM THE MEETING
December 18th, 2018**

The business meeting was called to begin by Chairman Fieldgrove. Those present included Virgie Watt, Jay Foss, Ryan Fieldgrove, Luke Todd, Travis Rule, Commission Bill Novotny, Allison McKenzie, Amanda Hulet and Zach Byram.

Minutes from the November regular and special meetings were reviewed. Virgie moved to accept both sets of minutes and 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 November has been reviewed and found to be in the order and reconciled.

In old business, the cost share application was reviewed for the final time. After some discussion, Virgie moved to approve the project in its entirety with proof of legal easements on any pipelines and tanks that may not be located on the property. Travis seconded. Motion carried.

Zach brought forward the new lease agreement. The changes were made in the termination portion of the agreement. Travis moved to accept the new lease agreement. Virgie seconded. Motion carried.

Zach and Ryan formulated a letter to the local banks about the options we had for investing with them versus the WYO-STAR II account. We have received one response from First Interstate Bank so far. We will continue to wait on the others until after the first of the year.

Amanda updated the board on the tree program. Since sales have started, we have sold approximately 250 mature trees and 355 seedlings. She will be doing much of the work on the tree program this year.

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

In new business, our base funding paperwork is complete. The board reviewed the annual report and annual plan of work and signed off.

Zach and Amanda explained the three grants they will be applying for through State Forestry. Zach has one for signage for the Russian Olive Project as well as another for tree planting. Amanda's will be for the Replant Buffalo project she is putting together.

Zach and Amanda put the proposal together to host 2019 WACD State Convention in Buffalo. That has been sent to WACD and we are waiting for the board meeting to find out if the board voted to have it in Buffalo or Gillette.

Amanda asked the board to approve stop payment on a check that hasn't been cashed in 2 years. They accepted if the payee is informed.

The board officially welcomed Jay Foss as the new at large member to the board of supervisors. They thanked Priscilla Welles for her time and dedication to the board. Following Jay's acceptance, election of officers for

2019 was held. Ryan Fieldgrove will continue as chairman, Luke Todd will continue as vice chairman and Travis Rule will hold the secretary/treasurer office. Virgie Watt and Jay Foss will continue as members of the board.


In other business, Zach and Amanda have put together a soils health workshop with Marlon Winger presenting on January 16th. Personal invitations will be sent as well as advertising the workshop.

Ryan explained to the board his new position with WACD. He is now the Area 1 representative. He is very impressed with how the WACD meetings are ran and how the business they have is taken care of. Some things he brought up were the legislation regarding the Public Records Act, the Supreme Court ruling in Louisiana in favor of the landowner with a possible habitat for an endangered species and discussed the board's feelings regarding the appointment of the next state water superintendent.

Our next meeting will be Tuesday, January 15th at 6 pm at the office.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned by Chairman Fieldgrove at 7:40 pm.


Ryan Fieldgrove- Chair


Travis Rule - Secretary/Treasurer

- I. **Treasurer's Report** –The beginning balance as of 11/21/18 was \$625,898.32. Since the November meeting, the District received \$40389.22 from the mill levy, \$25.93 from checking account interest and \$23000.00 from the WWNRT grant. After all transactions as of 12/18/18, a balance of \$679,919.40 remains.
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Outstanding Bills:

1. US Treasury	\$	1717.32
2. Johnson County Cattlewomen	\$	100.00
3. Buffalo Bulletin	\$	450.00
4. Sports Lure	\$	229.00
5. Buffalo Computer Consulting	\$	193.50
6. ACT	\$	36.50
7. Amanda Hulet	\$	1160.52
8. Zach Byram	\$	4100.08
9. Wyoming Retirement System	\$	1188.83
10. Zach Byram	\$	183.67
11. Amanda Hulet	\$	34.65

TOTAL EXPENSES \$ **9,394.07**