

**Powder River Conservation District
 Monthly Board Meeting
 March 12, 2019**

Supervisors Present:

Dan Mahoney
 Kevin Lund
 Wade Curuchet
 Bill Jones
 George Renkert

Others Present:

Anita Bartlett, District Manager
 Linda Greenough, JC Commissioner
 Allison McKenzie, District Conservationist

The regular board meeting was called to order by Board Chair Bill Jones at 6:37 p.m.

Wade Curuchet moved to accept the minutes from the February 12, 2019 regular Board Meeting. Kevin Lund Second. Motion Carried.

The Treasurer's Report was reviewed as follows:

Checking	\$ 137,291.05
Savings	\$ 706,715.50
Petty Cash	\$ 5.05
Liquid Liability Fund	\$ 21.83
Total	\$ 844,033.43

MARCH MONTHLY EXPENSES

<u>Check #</u>	<u>TO</u>	<u>Memo</u>	<u>Amount</u>
7548	Wyoming.com	website	\$ 20.00
7549	Anita M Bartlett	mileage	\$ 87.00
7550	Anita M Bartlett	salary	\$ 1,593.90
7551	Visa		\$ 391.59
7552	Susan Anderson	rent	\$ 443.02
7553	Joyce Black	janitorial	\$ 250.00
7554	Blue Cross Blue Shield of WY	Insurance	\$ 704.52
7555	LGLP	Liability Insurance	\$ 544.00
7556	RT Communications	utilities	\$ 87.39
7557	Montana-Dakota Utilities Co	utilities	\$ 71.84
7558	Town of Kaycee	Meeting Room/Utilities	\$ 79.10
7559	WACD	March/April Dental Insurance	\$ 65.90
7560	USPS	Newsletter/Bulk Mailing Permit	\$ 342.07
7561	Clifty View Nursery	Tree Deposit	\$ 1,327.81
7562	Anita M Bartlett	mileage	\$ 87.00
AP	IRS	Tax Deposit	\$ 954.78
7564	Anita M Bartlett	salary	\$ 1,593.91
Grand Total			\$ 8,643.83

Kevin Lund moved to approve the Treasurer's Report, reconciliation of the February Savings and Checking Account Statements and to accept payment of all bills. George Renkert Second. Motion Carried.

BUSINESS:

1. SumaGroulx Experiment

-The board continued to discuss the merits of conducting a SumaGroulx Experiment. They discussed utilizing a 25-acre plot that was currently performing poorly for the experiment. Strips would be left throughout the project to compare treated verse non-treated soil. This experiment would also be compared to the cover crop experiments conducted on Harlan/Lund's. The board wanted to conduct further research and would like to continue to discuss the topic next month.

2. Public Records Legislation Update

-Anita Bartlett informed the board that a new Public Records Bill had been passed and will take effect on July 1, 2019. There is discussion on a training being held to go over the new law so that Special Districts will be in compliance.

3. WOTUS Webinar Report

-Anita Bartlett stated that she participated in the WOTUS Webinar. The webinar went over the new rule and discussed clarification that had been made on what is considered a WOTUS and what is exempt. The new rule is more clearly defined than the 2015 rule. Anita handed out her notes from the Webinar to the board.

4. Gardening Workshop Report

-Anita Bartlett reported that the Gardening Workshop was well attended with 17 attendees and all stated that they enjoyed the workshop. As well the Voice wrote a very nice write up regarding the workshop.

5. Game & Fish Grant/Cost Share for 28 Ranch

-Anita Bartlett stated that the WY Game and Fish and contacted her about facilitating a G&F grant for the 28 Ranch and allowing them to apply for cost share funding for habitat plantings on their Ranch. However, after discussing the project with Allison McKenzie and looking up the property on a map the 28 Ranch does not have property within the Powder River CD. The board discussed the project and decided it would be best to refer the Game and Fish Department to the Clear Creek Conservation District in Buffalo for assistance.

6. Schedule Annual Employee Review

-Anita Bartlett stated that her annual review is due to be done next month per district policy. She asked if the board would like to do it following the board meeting or schedule it for another date. The board stated they would like to tentatively schedule it for the end of next month's board meeting provided all board members are in attendance.

7. Tree Sales

-Anita Bartlett informed the board that she had received a considerable number of tree orders this year with a few weeks still left to order. She wanted to know what arrangements the board would like to make to assist with unloading the trees. At this time, we are scheduled to get 116 large stock shrubs and trees which are tentatively scheduled to arrive in late April. A date has not been set yet by the nursery. The board would like to think on this issue and discuss it further next month.

8. Special District Training

-County Commissioner Linda Greenough stated that there would be a Special District Training on Wednesday, April 10, 2019 from 11:30-1:00pm in the County Commissioner's Chambers. Civil Deputy County Attorney Barry Crago would be presenting the training.

9. District Report

-The District Manager's Report was discussed.

10. NRCS Field Office Report

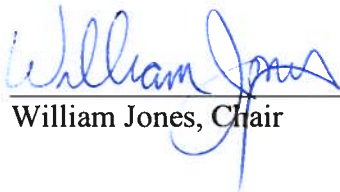
-The NRCS Field Office Report was discussed.

The next regular Board Meeting was scheduled for Tuesday, April 9, 2019 at 6:30pm. Kevin Lund moved to adjourn the meeting, Wade Curuchet Second. Motion carried 7:45 pm.

Respectfully Submitted:



Anita M. Bartlett, District Manager



William Jones, Chair



Wade Curuchet, Secretary/Treasurer