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MINUTES FROM THE MEETING March 17th, 2020

The business meeting was called to begin by Chairman Ryan Fieldgrove via conference call. Those present included Ryan Fieldgrove, Jay Foss, Luke Todd, Travis Rule, Allison McKenzie, Amanda Hulet and Zach Byram. Mara Abbott with the Buffalo Bulletin was also in attendance.

Minutes from the February meeting were reviewed. Travis moved to accept the minutes Jay seconded. Motion carried. The treasurer's report was read, and Jay 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 statements for February have been reviewed and found to be in order and reconciled.

In old business, EWP updates were given. Barnum is working on Crown Ditch. Lee Brown from Casper will be here monitoring the job in Jim Kelly's absence. The Last Chance Ditch paperwork has been submitted. We are just waiting for Grants and Agreements to review the paperwork.

The soil health workshop with Marlon Winger and Mike Odegard was a success. We had 45 attendees and they learned a lot. The rural living/garden expo was also a huge success. We had 53 attendees and 7 speakers. Had great reviews.

Zach & Amanda attended employee winter training in Casper earlier in the month. Amanda taught a two day class to other education coordinators from other districts with Project Learning Tree. Zach went to the district round table class and got a lot from it. He said the rest of the classes were mostly water quality specific and were good to learn from.

We were given notice that the tax settlement with Carbon Creek was finally done. We will be seeing some back taxes from years 2015-2018.

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

In new business, cover crop plantings were discussed. We have some producers interested in doing trials with the cover crops. Zach approached the board about doing a cost share on the seed cost for the producers. As part of the program, we will be doing data collection and observation for a few years. Travis moved to pay for 50% of the seed expense. Jay seconded. Luke abstained from voting. Mara from the Buffalo Bulletin would like to be included in this process so she can also document what we are doing for soil health in our area.

The final legislative update was given. There will be some changes that Zach and Amanda will have to work with as they are administrative changes in paperwork otherwise all went well during the session.

The Johnson County Natural Resource Planning committee held a conference call today. Zach, Luke and Mara were a part of the call. They were able to get clarity on how the group is moving forward. They broke into groups to start gathering data to bring back to the whole group. The timeline was questioned. The data collection is to be done by June with public comment in the fall. The final plan will be out following.

The North East Sage Grouse Local Working Group held a meeting regarding the grants that had been applied for. We were awarded a portion of the grant we applied for. Zach will be paring down the acreage and working with Rod on spraying. The grant will pay for the helicopter time and herbicide.

Our next meeting will be Tuesday, April 21st, at 6 pm.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned by Chairman Fieldgrove at 7:00 pm.

Ryan Fieldgrove- Chair

Travis Rule - Secretary/Treasurer

<u>Treasurer's Report – March 2020</u>

First Northern Bank Business Checking

Total Deposits: \$ 8.99 (Interest), \$ 25,060.31 (Mill Levy), \$ 1,000.00 (WCDEA for NACD Scholarship), \$ 94.80 (Rain barrels)

Outstanding Bills:

1.	US Treasury	941 Taxes	\$ 1,881.98
2.	Lott St LLC	March Rent	\$ 966.67
3.	ACT	March Internet	\$ 36.80
4.	Cherokee Manufacturing	Weed Barrier	\$ 372.00
5.	UW Extension	Barnyards & Backyards Sub	\$ 54.00
6.	LGLP	Membership Renewal	\$ 926.00
7.	Mickorys LLC	Soil Workshop Lunch	\$ 506.57
8.	SE Wyoming SAF	Zach registration timber mtg	\$ 10.00
9.	Buffalo Bulletin	Ads	\$ 1,855.00
10.	Ian Friderich	Expo speaker reimbursement	\$ 393.03
11.	WY Game & Fish	Fish Barrier Project	\$ 3,046.95
12.	Amanda Hulet	Wages	\$ 2,151.03
13.	Zach Byram	Wages	\$ 4,092.53
14.	Wyoming Retirement Syst	Retirement/401k match	\$ 1,464.31
15.	Amanda Hulet	Reimbursements	\$ 752.52
16.	Zach Byram	Reimbursements	\$ 570.54

TOTAL EXPENSES \$ 7,002.05

First Northern Bank Money Market Sweep Account

Total Deposits: \$ 2,849.92 (Interest) \$ 1,997,785.27 (Sweep)

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Total Deposits: \$ 216.62 (Interest) \$ 2,147,785.27 (CD Maturity plus interest)

Withdrawals: \$ 1,997,785.27 (to Sweep Acct)

First Northern Bank CD's

Paid Total Interest: 6 mo - \$ 10,273.99

12 mo - \$ 25,243.94

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Total Deposits: \$ 2,807.85 (Interest)