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**MINUTES FROM THE MEETING**  
**February 16<sup>th</sup>, 2021**

The business meeting was called to begin by Vice Chairman Jay Foss. Those present in person and via conference call included Ryan Fieldgrove, Jay Foss, Virgie Watt, Lara Schuman and Travis Baker, Mara Abbott with Buffalo Bulletin, Allison McKenzie, Amanda Hulet and Zach Byram.

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

In old business, Amanda update the board with current tree sales. So far it has still been slow with only 221 mature trees and 325 seedlings sold.

The Last Chance Ditch EWP was discussed. Designs are in but not final. Zach is going to work on getting permits and access to project.

The Rural Living Guide for Northern Johnson County is coming together!

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

In new business, the Reserve Fund Policy was handed out to board members. They were asked to read and come with questions ready for the next meeting. It needs to be reviewed for adequacy and relevancy and also the name on the policy needs to be changed from Lake DeSmet to Clear Creek.

WYO-STAR 1 and WYO-STAR 2 options were discussed. In looking for better investment options, the board opted to look at investing in WYO-STAR 2. After discussing what the pros and cons were, Virgie moved to open a WYO-STAR 2 account and moved 1,500,000.00 be transferred from WYO-STAR 1 to WYO-STAR 2 with the remaining amount to stay in WYO-STAR 1. Lara seconded. Motion carried.

Wyoming Association of Conservation Districts Employee and Supervisor Training will be held in Cheyenne on February 23-24. Lara will be attending virtually and Amanda will be attending in person.

Legislative update #4 was given by Ryan. Currently, all bills are staying the course and nothing has changed. There will be more to report at our next board meeting.

In other business, Zach explained that we have set up a google drive for board members. It will contain a number of folders including board meeting information and other information needing reviewed by the board. This will begin for the next meeting.

Ryan called into the meeting as he was at a training. During this training he had learned a lot of interesting information and from this suggested that we do a workshop on water with topics including water law, water


rights, territorial rights and why water is protected for ag use. We discussed finding a good water law person to bring in and present on these topics.

There was no correspondence this month.

With no further business, Jay moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:35 pm. Travis seconded.

Our next meeting will be Tuesday, March 16<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm.

  
Ryan Fieldgrove- Chair

  
Virginia Watt - Secretary/Treasurer

### Treasurer's Report – February 2021

#### First Northern Bank Business Checking

Total Deposits: \$ 9.64 (Interest), \$ 5,188.72 (Mill Levy),

#### **Outstanding Bills:**

1. Visa	Credit Card Charges	\$ 372.33
2. US Treasury	941 Taxes	\$ 2,349.96
3. Lott St LLC	January Rent	\$ 1,016.67
4. Range	Internet services	\$ 50.30
5. Buffalo Chamber of Com	Annual Dues	\$ 80.00
6. WACD	Supervisor Training Registrat	\$ 180.00
7. Buffalo Bulletin	Tree Ads	\$ 160.00
8. North Wyoming Insurance	Treasurer Bond	\$ 100.00
9. Johnson County W&P	Grant for spraying	\$ 23,588.80
10. Amanda Hulet	Wages	\$ 2,409.88
11. Zach Byram	Wages	\$ 4,083.96
12. Wyoming Retirement Sys	Retirement/401k match	\$ 1,571.75

**TOTAL EXPENSES** **\$ 35,963.65**

#### First Northern Bank Money Market Sweep Account

Total Deposits: \$ 3,986.18 (Interest)

**First Northern Bank Money Market Account**

Total Deposits: \$ 39.19 (Interest)

Withdrawals:

**WYO-STAR**

Total Deposits: \$ 494.51 (Interest)