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**MINUTES FROM THE MEETING**  
**April 21<sup>st</sup>, 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.

The budget amendment hearing was called to order at 6:00 pm. Zach explained to the board that due to the recent grant funding we had received, we had to do a budget amendment. Travis moved to accept the amended budget. Luke seconded. Motion carried. Public comment was asked for. No public comment. Budget hearing adjourned at 6:10 pm.

Minutes from the March meeting were reviewed. Travis moved to accept the minutes Jay seconded. Motion carried. The treasurer's report was read, and Travis moved to pay the outstanding bills. Jay seconded. Motion carried. Please refer to the Treasurer's report for a list of all bills.

The bank statements for March have been reviewed and found to be in order and reconciled.

In old business, EWP updates were given. The Crown ditch is finished. The changes to Johnson Holt will extend into August, after high water and irrigating. Zach spoke to the board about the difference between the agreement and contract with have with NRCS. Jay approved of the new agreement. Luke seconded. Motion carried. The Last Chance ditch is being surveyed and work will start soon.

In soil health, we discussed the cover crop plantings. 5 constituents have expressed interest. 2 mixes have been put together and are ordered. The Plank Stewardship Initiative will be paying for the other half of the mixes that the conservation district isn't covering. A contract has been written to use between the producers and the conservation district. It includes what the conservation district does, what the producer is responsible for and how long the term is. Zach and Amanda will be collecting the quantitative data that will be used for other producers to look at.

Amanda told the board that to date, 815 trees have been sold. The trees will be coming in next week. The seedling delivery is on hold right now due to Colorado state regulations regarding people leaving the state. More information will be available soon.

The soil and water tests have been done. We sent in 30 soil tests and 5 water tests. The water results have arrived, and we are still waiting for soil results.

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

In new business, home hazardous waste day has been scheduled for Saturday May 30<sup>th</sup>. Both the conservation district and Veiola will be adhering to current guidelines with COVID-19. We need volunteers so please consider donating your time or finding some folks who can.

The Twin Creek Forest Health Project is moving forward. We have sent out landowner agreements and will be going to marking the project soon.

There has been a landowner who contacted us to do a pipeline. The Rounder ditch is leaking, and the landowner would like to get the ditch in pipe to stop the leakage. Landowner wanted the conservation district and the NRCS to see if there was any way we could help him with this project. Zach will be looking for ways to help him out and will be in contact for further questions. Travis moved that Zach investigate the small water project grant and use that avenue, if available. Luke seconded. Motion carried.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Weed Bounty Program is starting to be planned. Weed pull day will be June 5. Zach will have more details at our next meeting.

Amanda is working on some online education plans. Currently there is a coloring contest for kids available.

We received the grant from WWNRT w/ the Game & Fish for the I25 Fish passage project. We also received small water grants for the I25 Fish passage project and the Zezas project. The state forestry community planting grant was approved to do plantings at the middle school and the NEWSGLWG (Sage Grouse) grant for weed abatement was also approved.

There was no correspondence.

Our next meeting will be Tuesday, May 19<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned by Chairman Fieldgrove at 7:46 pm.

  
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Ryan Fieldgrove- Chair

  
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Travis Rule - Secretary/Treasurer

### Treasurer's Report – April 2020

#### First Northern Bank Business Checking

Total Deposits: \$ 9.56 (Interest), \$ 4,084.41 (Mill Levy), \$ 169.60 (weed barrier)

#### **Outstanding Bills:**

1. Green Cover Seed	Todd Seed Mix	\$ 496.92
2. US Treasury	941 Taxes	\$ 1,975.50
3. Lott St LLC	April Rent	\$ 966.67
4. ACT	April Internet	\$ 36.80
5. Buffalo Bulletin	Tree Ads	\$ 540.00
6. The Cary Company	Rain Barrels	\$ 815.57
7. Cherokee Manufacturing	Weed Barrier Shipping	\$ 189.87
8. Green Cover Seed	Foss Seed Mix	\$ 320.65
9. WY Game & Fish	Fish Barrier Project	\$ 8,173.00
10. Barnum Inc	EWP Construction	\$ 114,682.50
11. Dept of Workforce Service	UI/WC 1 <sup>st</sup> Qtr	\$ 450.06
12. Amanda Hulet	Wages	\$ 1,243.36
13. Zach Byram	Wages	\$ 4,092.53
14. Wyoming Retirement Syst	Retirement/401k Match	\$ 1,244.13
15. Amanda Hulet	Reimbursement	\$ 185.40

16. Zach Byram                      Reimbursement                      \$ 70.30

**TOTAL EXPENSES                      \$ 135,483.26**

**First Northern Bank Money Market Sweep Account**

Total Deposits: \$ 3,719.54 (Interest) \$ 216.62 (Sweep)

**First Northern Bank Money Market Account**

Total Deposits: \$ 242.06 (Interest)

Withdrawals: \$ 216.62 (to Sweep Acct)

**WYO-STAR**

Total Deposits: \$ 2,642.90 (Interest)

