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MINUTES FROM THE MEETING
December 15th, 2020

The business meeting was called to begin by Vice Chairman Luke Todd via Zoom. Those present included Ryan Fieldgrove, Jay Foss, Luke Todd, new members Lara Schuman and Travis Baker, John Snyder with CPA Accounting, Mara Abbott with Buffalo Bulletin, Allison McKenzie, Amanda Hulet and Zach Byram. Commissioner Bill Novotny was also in attendance.

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

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

In old business, Zach updated the board on the Twin Creek Forest Health Project. He has rewritten the contract to amend the finish date for July 31, 2021. Due to a late start and weather, the contractor will resume next summer. Zach reminded the board that payment will not be given until the job is complete.

Amanda spoke to the tree order update. The orders are now available both in the office and online. Thus far the orders have been slow, and the seedlings are nearly out or unavailable. Zach then explained how the tree program works to the new board members.

Internet providers were discussed next. In looking at the other options available, Range is still the best option. The other companies have lower rates with contracts to go much higher after the welcome period. Jay moved to stay with Range as our internet provider. Lara seconded. Motion carried.

Zach gave a quick update on the Last Chance EWP. He had to write another 220-day extension as we are still waiting for designs from NRCS engineers. Ryan asked where the project was at in the lineup and Zach understood that they are actively working on it. Allison said the project should be moving forward soon.

The I-25 Fish Barrier Removal Project is now moving forward. The game and fish and WYDOT are scoring and ranking proposals to be able to choose a contractor. Some calls have come in regarding materials to use in the project. Zach is helping the game & fish collect data and paperwork to help proceed with the small water program. Permits from the Army Corps of Engineers and WYDOT are being waited for.

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

In new business, John Snyder with CPA Accounting visited with the board about the audit that was completed. There were no findings and just a couple of bookkeeping changes to make. It was a good audit. Jay moved to approve and accept the audit report. Lara seconded. Motion carried.

The 5th Annual Garden & Rural Living Expo is starting to be planned. Zach and Amanda are moving forward with the planning to have it in person.

The Clear Creek Russian Olive Removal project was updated. Zach and members of the trail board, BLM, Forest Service and interested public worked on the Russian Olive that has come back along the trail. They were able to spray the small trees and discourage more growth on the older trees.

Zach and Amanda presented the board with the FY 19-20 Annual Report and Plan of Work. Board members approved by signing the document.

We said farewell to Luke Todd and Travis Rule. Luke served 12 years on the board and Travis served 8. They were both valuable members and will be missed.

Officer elections for the 2021 calendar year were held. Jay moved that Ryan continue as chairman and that Virgie become treasurer. Luke Todd seconded. Motion carried. Travis Baker moved that Jay become vice chairman. Lara seconded. Motion carried. The slate of officers for 2021 are: Ryan Fieldgrove, Chairman; Jay Foss, Vice- Chairman; and Virgie Watt, Treasurer.

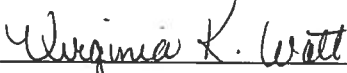
In other business, Commissioner Novotny thanked Luke and Travis for the time donated to the board and welcomed our new board members.

In correspondence, we had a thank you from the Wyoming Natural Resource Foundation.

With no further business, the regular business meeting was adjourned to Executive Board meeting.

Our next meeting will be Tuesday, January 19th at 6 pm.


Ryan Fieldgrove- Chair


~~Travis Rule~~ - Secretary/Treasurer
Virgie Watt

Treasurer's Report – December 2020

First Northern Bank Business Checking

Total Deposits: \$ 8.98 (Interest), \$ 31,969.39 (Mill Levy), \$ 24.00 (Area 1 meeting registrations), \$ 8,823.50 (Base Appropriation Funding), \$ 471.00 (refund state convention registration), \$23,588.80 (Game & Fish Grant)

Outstanding Bills:

1. US Treasury	941 Taxes	\$ 2,358.94
2. Visa	Credit Card Charges	\$ 296.97
3. Lott Street LLC	December Rent	\$ 966.67
4. Range	December Internet	\$ 50.30
5. Cloud Peak Accounting	Audit Payment	\$ 4,400.00
6. CNA Surety	Dishonesty Bond	\$ 384.00
7. Buffalo Computer Consult	Annual Backup	\$ 120.00
8. BHS Ag Supplies	Signage supplies	\$ 52.95
9. Amanda Hulet	Wages	\$ 3,128.21
10. Zach Byram	Wages	\$ 4,080.96
11. Wyoming Retirement Sys	Retirement/401k match	\$ 1,757.49

TOTAL EXPENSES

\$ 17,596.49

First Northern Bank Money Market Sweep Account

Total Deposits: \$ 3,845.22 (Interest)

First Northern Bank Money Market Account

Total Deposits: \$ 37.80 (Interest)

Withdrawals:

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Total Deposits: \$ 579.21 (Interest)