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MINUTES FROM THE MEETING
January 19th, 2021

The business meeting was called to begin by Chairman Ryan Fieldgrove. 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 December meeting were reviewed. Jay moved to accept the minutes Virgie seconded. Motion carried. The treasurer's report was read, and Virgie 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 December have been reviewed and found to be in order and reconciled.

In old business, Zach and Amanda discussed tree sales. Sales have been very slow this year to start. Zach then explained to the board how the cost share works with the tree program and seedlings sales.

The Clear Creek EWP project is almost over. We are finishing up final paperwork as we just received the last invoice from the contractor this month. The final designs are almost finished for the Last Chance Ditch EWP. They should be ready soon. Zach is working on the next steps which include getting the proper permits acquired and he is hopeful that a bid package should be ready by early spring.

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

In new business, the Memorandum of Understanding with the NRCS was discussed. Ryan signed the document.

A possible project for well assistance came before the board. Ryan and Zach explained how the special project program works to the new board members. After that the board decided that the gentleman needed to bring more information before the board before approval. Zach will contact him regarding the information needed.

Zach and Amanda have started working on the Northeast Wyoming Rural Living Guide. It will be a magazine like presentation with information relating to living in Northern Johnson County. We are hoping for an early spring release.

Zach and Ryan discussed the legislative update. Session just started and there are a handful of bills to watch.

In other business, Ryan gave the board a WACD update from the meeting held recently in Casper. There are some new programs coming through NRCS and districts are being encouraged to take part in those programs. There is an increase in funding this year so more projects should be funding through NRCS programs. EQIP funding areas were also discussed. The Department of Ag discussed budget issues. NACD convention will be online this year and Ryan encouraged all board members to listen in to the meetings as they can. The Southwest Regional meeting will be held in Wyoming this year. Sounds like it will be held in Jackson in September. Ryan was also sure to mention that districts need to be careful with permitting for projects and to be sure that all necessary permits are acquired before the projects begin.

The board discussed becoming members of the chamber of commerce again. After discussion, Virgie moved to become a member and Lara seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Zach reported to the board that the lab funds request came to us. He updated the board members on what the lab funds are used for and since we have no immediate need, we chose to not use the funds and let them go where they can be used.


There was no correspondence this month.

With no further business, Jay moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 pm. Virgie seconded.

Our next meeting will be Tuesday, February 16th at 6 pm.



Ryan Feldgrove - Chair *Jay Foss,*
vice chairman



Virginia Watt - Secretary/Treasurer

Treasurer's Report – January 2021

First Northern Bank Business Checking

Total Deposits: \$ 10.85 (Interest), \$ 30,448.01 (Mill Levy), \$ 99.00 (Haney Soil Tests)

Outstanding Bills:

1. Amanda Hulet	2020 Stipend	\$ 750.00
2. Zach Byram	2020 Stipend	\$ 750.00
3. Visa	Credit Card Charges	\$ 82.91
4. US Treasury	941 Taxes	\$ 2,358.98
5. Lott St LLC	January Rent	\$ 1,016.67
6. WY Dept of Ag	Nursery License	\$ 25.00
7. Buffalo Bulletin	Tree Ad	\$ 160.00
8. Range	Internet services	\$ 50.30
9. Zach Byram	Reimbursements	\$ 338.00
10. Barnum Inc	Final Payment for EWP	\$ 199,891.50
11. Johnson County Clerk	Election Expenses	\$ 1,272.00
12. Amanda Hulet	Wages	\$ 3,134.21
13. Zach Byram	Wages	\$ 4,083.97
14. Wyoming Retirement Sys	Retirement/401k match	\$1,757.48

TOTAL EXPENSES **\$ 216,191.93**

First Northern Bank Money Market Sweep Account

Total Deposits: \$ 3,979.76 (Interest)

First Northern Bank Money Market Account

Total Deposits: \$ 39.12 (Interest)

Withdrawals:

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Total Deposits: \$ 483.81 (Interest)
