

RECORDING OF PROCEEDINGS

Wyoming Board of Agriculture Minutes
August 18, 2006
Wyoming Department of Agriculture Conference Room

Members Present:

Spencer Ellis, President
Jack Corson, Vice President
Helen Jones
Lee Otto
Jim Mickelson
Gene Hardy
David Graham
Frank Galey, Dean, UW College of Agriculture
John Etchepare, Director, WY Dept. of Agriculture
Patrick Zimmerer
Dalin Winters
Emily Horton

Members Absent:

David Largent
Paige Smith, Governor Freudenthal's Office

WDA Staff Present:

Muff Parker, Recording Secretary
Jim Schwartz, Deputy Director

Approval of Minutes

Jack Corson made a motion to approve the minutes from the July 10, and August 2, 2006 meetings. Seconded by Jim Mickelson. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Intern Presentation

This year the Department of Agriculture had seven interns. Two of them had already gone back to school, but their manager talked about the projects each had accomplished throughout the year. Those making presentations to the Board were: Amanda Coxbill and Bobbi Bath, State Fair, Tanna George, Natural Resources, Erica Willoughby, Technical Services, and Laura Nelson, Administration. Those not able to be there were Corri Rekow, Consumer Health Services and Kellie Nelson, Weed and Pest.

Conservation District Appointment

Jim Mickelson made a motion to approve the appointment of Bob Henry to the urban position with the resignation of Blaine Despain to the Teton Conservation District. Seconded by Dave Graham. All voted in favor. Motion carried. Jim Mickelson made a motion to approve the appointment of Dan Rice to the rural position with the resignation of Dan Hampton to the Washakie County Conservation District. Seconded by Helen Jones. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Changes to Chapter 56 and Seed Lab pricing list

The Board received an overview of the proposed changes/addition to the seed pricing list and the needs by Roy Reichenbach and Hank Uhden. **Helen Jones made a motion to approve the**

additional price changes and proposed price changes to Appendix A “Pricing of Seed Analysis: 2006 as presented. Seconded by Jim Mickelson. All voted in favor. Motion carried. Jim Mickelson made a motion to approve the proposed changes to Chapter 56 as presented.

Seconded by Gene Hardy. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

ADMB Update

Hank updated the Board on the status of the emergency rules for the six million dollars of funding received from the legislature. The statues allow counties to qualify if they were at the maximum amount of \$1 per head. Thirteen counties already qualify and those who want to participate have the opportunity to change the amount they collect to the maximum in December and will qualify for the program next year. He also stated that there is a refund clause which allows for producers to be refunded a portion or all of the assessment, but is not sure if they do request a refund, if they would be eligible to receive protection. He is hoping they do not request a refund after they see the benefits of the program. The Livestock Board will retain five percent for collecting the fee, so the maximum amount the producers would be allowed would be ninety-five percent. Jim Schwartz would like to see some quality projects from this funding and encourages all boards to prepare now for the restructuring of their boards even if they don't qualify now.

Cody Conservation District Boundary Change

Gene Hardy made a motion to approve the boundary change, as presented, for the Cody Conservation District. Seconded by Jim Mickelson. All voted in favor.

Issues

Each of the members received a copy of the Preliminary Draft prepared by the Wyoming Game and Fish Commission entitled “Predatory Animal and Predacious Bird Management Recommendations For the Benefit of Wildlife. The members were all very appreciative of the Game and Fish sharing this document. **Gene Hardy made a motion to write a letter to the Game and Fish Commission thanking them the gesture of sharing the Predatory Animal and Predacious Bird Management Recommendations for the Benefit of Wildlife. Seconded by Jim Mickelson. All voted in favor. Motion carried.**

There being no further business, meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Spencer Ellis, President

Date

Attachment:

Attendance sheet

Teton Conservation District request

Washakie County Conservation District request

Cody Conservation District boundary change request

Chapter 56: Appendix A, pricing of Seed Analysis: 2006

Chapter 56: Regulations Pertaining to the Pricing of Seed Analysis