

RECORDING OF PROCEEDINGS

Wyoming Board of Agriculture
December 17, 2008
Conference Call

Present: Gene Hardy, President
Jim Mickelson
Jack Corson
Dave Graham
Juan Reyes
Dalin Winters

Absent: Joe Thomas, Vice President
Jim Bennage
Patrick Zimmerer
Bridget Kukowski
John Hansen
John Etchepare
Frank Galey, UW College of Agriculture Dean
Ryan Lance, Governor Freudenthal's Office

Staff: Muff Parker, Recording Secretary

Guests: Cindy Garretson-Weibel

President Hardy had wanted to hear a report from Joe Thomas on the meeting he attended in Montana. Since he was absent, he didn't have any other agenda items. The board discussed issues.

Jack gave a report on the progress of the issue between the Little Snake River and the Saratoga-Encampment-Rawlins Conservation Districts. He indicated they were still trying to work out their differences, but that it was going well.

Juan Reyes wanted to know more about in-stream flow. The bill had been defeated in the last legislative session. He thinks the ag community should develop a bill they can live with or they may get something they don't like.

He also wants to have the Game and Fish attend an upcoming meeting to explain why they aren't doing anything with their water rights.

Jack wanted to discuss the possible legislation regarding the discovery of new invasive species to the state. He indicated it currently takes 90 days for the emergency response team to review. He indicated there is talk of a new tiered list to replace the current lists and wanted more information. The board requested that Slade Franklin attend the next meeting to give them more information.

The next meeting will be January 7, 2009. Because of that meeting, there will not be a conference call on January 3.

There being no additional business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Gene Hardy, President

Date