

## RECORDING OF PROCEEDINGS

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Wyoming Board of Agriculture  
March 18, 2009  
Conference Call

Present: Joe Thomas, Vice Present  
Jim Bennage  
Shaun Sims  
Juan Reyes  
Jim Price  
John Hansen  
Dalin Winters  
John Etchepare

Absent: Bryan Brost  
Patrick Zimmerer  
Bridget Kukowski  
Frank Galey  
Ryan Lance

Guests: Matt Mead  
Cindy Garretson-Weibel  
Bobbie Frank

Staff: Jason Fearneyhough  
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The new members were introduced.

John Etchepare talked about the outcome of the legislative session. The monitoring bill is still on the Governor's desk waiting to be signed and so is the bidding on state lands bill. He has until the 20<sup>th</sup> to sign or veto them. After that, they will become law without his signature. The Aggie Bond bill was vetoed by the Governor.

The Joint Agriculture committee has asked the managers of the department to talk about their programs and what statutes need to be cleaned up.

Bobbie said there had been a wolf coalition meeting last week to discuss the USFWS to delist the wolf everywhere else, but Wyoming. The coalition is putting together a summary of what direction they are going. They are seeking input as to whether they will move forward on intervening. She will check with the group to see if a board member can participate.

John said May 5 is the deadline for all state agencies to have their 5 and 10 percent budget cuts on the new standard budget to the Governor.

John said the MOU between the department and the Business Council is just about complete.

Cindy updated the members on the new webinars they are sponsoring. They will be archived on their website in case someone would like to view them later. The Council is looking at their Community Ready Gants and some of the major trade shows for their 5 to 10 percent budget cuts.

The boundary issue between the Little Snake River and Saratoga-Encampment-Rawlins conservation districts may be revisited later. The SER district sent a request to the LSR district requesting boundary information they have, as well as the projects the LSR district has been working on that are within the SER boundaries. At this point they are both operating with the boundaries currently in place. If the issue is raised again, it may come before the board. Juan is concerned there may be some producers who are being harmed. Bobbie said she doesn't know, but the potential does exist for that to happen. **Joe asked Bobbie to get an update on the issue for the April meeting.**

Bobbie also said the Federal Natural Resource Bill was vetoed. She said invitations would be going out soon for the planting of the Olin Sims Memorial tree scheduled for June 8 & 9. Shaun will be attending the WACD meeting at that time and will give an update to the board at the meeting following WACD.

The members voiced the need to continue meeting annually with the Game and Fish Commission in September. Juan would like to have water as one of the topics. Joe would like to discuss the topics for the meeting at the April Board Meeting.

John said the tail docking discussion at the State Fair Advisory Board meeting went well.

There being no additional business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

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Joe Thomas, Vice President

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Date