

RECORDING OF PROCEEDINGS

Wyoming Board of Agriculture
November 10, 2010
Conference Call

Present: Juan Reyes
Jim Hodder
Shaun Sims, Vice President
Jim Bennage, President
Bryan Brost
John Hansen
Bridget Williams
Dalin Winters
Jason Fearneyhough, Director

Absent: Joe Thomas
Jim Price, Jr.
Patrick Zimmerer
Ryan Lance, Governor Freudenthal's Office
Frank Galey, UW Dean of the College of Ag and Natural Resources

Guest: Jim Magagna
Teri Barr
Ken Hamilton
Bobbie Frank

Staff: Muff Parker, Recording Secretary
Leanne Stevenson
Justin Williams

Approval of Minutes

Juan Reyes made a motion to approve the minutes from October 13, 2010. John Hansen seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Budget Update

Dalin said that 17% of the biennium has passed and 5-7% has been spent. 42% has been spent on office supplies. Muff will check with Julie and see why it is so high.

Draft Board Bill

Jim Magagna said this is not a partisan issue and is not a project of the Stock Growers group in particular. Several people have said this needs to be changed, including the Governor, so he took the bill on. Juan thinks it's a great idea. He said it is difficult to find folks willing to be on the board that qualifies with the current political split. Jason said the change from 6 to 4 years came up because it was thought that perhaps the young people may not have the time to make a 6 year commitment. Jason asked the current members to comment on that change. Dalin originally felt it was a way to get the youth members off the board. He said if his commitments became more than he could handle, he

would resign. John also felt it would allow for more youth to experience the board. Bridget also feels it would work well. Jim Bennage reminded everyone that these changes wouldn't take place immediately and not affect the current members. Jason felt it would be good if the board showed support by a vote. Jim Magagna said if the board would not support the bill, he would not go further to find sponsors. **Juan Reyes made a motion to support the changes to legislation as presented by Jim Magagna. Bridget seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion carried.**

Update on Brucellosis

According to the Livestock Board, Jason said they have one cattle herd in Park County that cultures for Brucellosis were positive. USDA will soon designate them as "Brucellosis affected". The WLB has quarantined eleven additional herds that have had contact with the affected cattle and are being tested.

AgriFuture Outcomes

Jason was very pleased with the outcome of the conference. They had over 100 people attending, including producers, policy makers, and an individual from Kenya, college students, and policy effectors. Three education intuitions participated by sponsoring students, along with help from the states. One student came away with an internship and two of them with job offers. He was asked by folks to have an association that focused on those same challenges. Shaun said he thought it was an excellent conference and thought the mix of folks was great. He would like to see another conference of some sort of networking to keep this going. Jim Hodder said there were some great interactions with everyone. Jim Magagna said he agreed with all that has been said and this creates an obligation to go forward with this and have some action items. Jason said the intent is to have a future conference or at least look at some action items with the group during the Stock Growers winter meeting.

Landowner Incentives

Jim Bennage said he has started trying to get Jerry Galles and others together to start discussing the issue by the end of the year. The Commission wants 1 staff and two commissioners on that committee. Jim encouraged the board to contact him with their ideas. Juan also said the Platte Valley Record Times about talked about a privately owned district and is opened to the public. (Irrigation 3). He's hoping Game and Fish is going to publish another article noting the partnerships of landowners. He said the article made it sound like Game and Fish owns the land. Juan said a big part of landowner incentives is to recognize private property. Shaun said he would like to participate in the group with Jim Bennage and Jerry Galles.

State Wildlife Action Plan

Justin Williams said the WDA prepared some comments and sent them to Game and Fish. Glenn Pauley said the purpose is to conserve the diversity of wildlife in Wyoming. The original plan was developed in 2005. The hope is to prevent future listings of the wildlife. At the November 17 Commission meeting, the staff of Game and Fish will be bringing the public comments to them. Justin said if there is anything specific to the plan the board would like to hear, let him know so they can talk about those issues in December. Glenn will present the final plan to the board in February. At the December meeting, Glenn will update the board on the outcomes of the comments. Glenn is interested in finding incentive to landowners that would also benefit wildlife.

Conservation District's

Shaun Sims made a motion to accept the staff recommendations from Justin Williams for the Crook County Natural Resource District's final report due on October 31, 2010, and postmarked on October 30, 2010. Crook County returned unused funds of \$3,848.02, which fulfills their contract requirement for the Belle Fourche River Watershed Plan Implementation Project. The motion was seconded by John Hansen. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Dalin Winters made a motion to accept the staff recommendations from Justin Williams for the South Big Horn Conservation District interim report due on October 29, 2010 and received on October 29, 2010, which fulfills their contract requirement for the Stream Reclassification Project. The motion was seconded by Shaun Sims. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

John Hansen made a motion to accept the staff recommendations from Justin Williams for the Star Valley Conservation District final report due on October 29, 2010, and received on October 29, 2010, which fulfills their contract requirement for the Salt River Implementation Project. The motion was seconded by Shaun Sims. All voted in favor. Motion Carried.

Shaun Sims made a motion to accept the resignation of Julian Allen Kraft to the Medicine Bow Conservation District, and approve the appointment of Sarah Babbitt to the urban position. The motion was seconded by John Hansen. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

There being no additional business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Bennage, President

Date