

RECORDING OF PROCEEDINGS

Wyoming Board of Agriculture
December 13, 2011
Conference Call

Present Jim Hodder
 Shaun Sims, President
 John Moore
 Alison Lass
 Bryan Brost
 John Hansen, Vice President
 Jason Fearneyhough, Director

Absent: Jana Ginter
 Jim Price, Jr.
 Patrick Zimmerer
 Governor's Office
 Dr. Frank Galey

Staff: Muff Parker, Recording Secretary
 Chris Wichmann
 Doug Miyamoto, Deputy Director
 Justin Williams

Guests: Cindy Garretson-Weibel
 Bobbie Frank
 Dalín – Greybull
 Jeri Trebelcock
 Bryan Sebadý
 Tim Morrison
 Carla Thomas

Discussion

Congress passed a bill to allow horse slaughter. Jason thinks Representative Wallis is looking at a possible plant being opened somewhere near Guernsey. USDA and NASDA have a conference call today and Jason will try and let the board know if anything new comes up. Cindy said she thinks it will be about 60 days until one will open.

The sheep trailing issue is going through the NEPA process. There is an Environmental Assessment being done and that will take about four months, but that doesn't include any appeals, etc. The Labor Department is hammering the issue that the sheep camps cannot call water and they want to require there be two different camp sites at each of the sheep camps. Shaun thinks the living facilities have to be 500 feet away from the corrals. He said he thinks they are applying the regulations for ranch quarters to the sheep camps.

Roll was taken and a quorum was established.

Alison Lass made a motion to approve the October 12, 2011 minutes be approved. John Hansen seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion Carried.

Meeting Schedule

John Hansen made a motion to approve the following meeting schedule for 2012. The motion was seconded by Bryan Brost. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

2012 Meeting Schedule

January 10

February 21, 22, 23 Cheyenne

March 13

April 9, 10, 11 Place TBD

****May 23 Joint meeting with the Wyoming Business Council Place TBD***

June 12

July 10

August 17 State Fair - Douglas

September 13 Joint meeting with the Game and Fish Commission in Casper at the G&F Office

October 16 AgriFuture is October 16, 17 & 18 Laramie

November 13

December 11

*Tentative Date

Those bolded and in italics are face-to-face meetings, with all others to be conference calls. Conference Calls begin at 7 a.m. and can be accessed by calling 1-877-278-8686 with an access code of 643540.

Grant Proposals

Rangeland Health Grant Proposals

Dalin Smith of the Big Horn Extension discussed on their proposal. **A motion was made by John Hansen to accept the UW Cooperative Extension – Bighorn County Rangeland Health Assessment Program application for the Bighorn Basin RHA Project in the amount of \$16,170.75 with a contract expiration date of December 31, 2014. The approval is contingent upon receipt of an amended budget by Tuesday, December 20, 2011. The motion was seconded by Alison Lass. All voted in favor. Motion carried.**

Tim Morrison of the Little Snake River Conservation District discussed their proposal. **A motion was made by Alison Lass to accept the Little Snake River Conservation District's Rangeland Health Assessment Program application for the Little Snake River Conservation District's Project #1 RHA Project in the amount of \$16,170.75 with a contract expiration date of December 31, 2012. The approval is contingent upon receipt of an amended budget by Tuesday December 20, 2011. The motion was seconded by John Hansen. All voted in favor. Motion carried.**

Bryan Sebady of the Northeast Wyoming Cooperative Extension discussed their proposal. **A motion was made by John Hansen to not approve the UW Cooperative Extension – Northeast Rangeland Health Assessment Program application for the Ogden Allotment RHA Project. The motion was seconded by Alison Lass. All voted in favor. Motion carried.**

Jeri Treblecock of the Popo Agie Conservation District discussed their proposal. **A motion was made by Alison Lass to accept the Popo Agie Conservation District's Rangeland Health Assessment Program application for the Sage Creek Allotment RHA Project for the amount of \$16,170.75 with a contract expiration date of December 31, 2014. The approval is contingent upon receipt of an amended budget by Tuesday, December 20, 2011. The motion was seconded by John Hansen. All voted in favor. Motion carried.**

Carla Thomas of the Hot Springs Conservation District discussed their proposal. **A motion was made by John Hansen to accept the Hot Springs County Conservation District's Rangeland Health Assessment Program application for the Hillberry Ranches RHA Project in the amount of \$16,170.75 with a contract expiration date of December 31, 2014. The approval is contingent upon the receipt of an amended budget b Tuesday, December 20, 2011. The motion was seconded by Alison Lass. All voted in favor. Motion carried.**

Water Quality Proposals

John Hansen made a motion to not approve the Popo Aggie Conservation District's Middle Fork of the Popo Agie River Planning and Assessment Project due to lack of funding. The motion was seconded by Alison Lass. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

John Moore made a motion to approve the Hot Springs Conservation District's Kirby and Owl Creek Assessment Project for \$3,762.22 with two interim reports due on; December 31, 2012 and December 31, 2013. The contract will expire on June 30, 2014 and a final report and return of unused funds due no later than July 31, 2014.

Conservation District Appointment

John Hansen made a motion to accept the resignation of Tim Mahieu as the rural supervisor to the Cody Conservation District and to appoint Howard Donley to serve in that position until the next general election. The motion was second by Alison Lass. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Living Legacy

Shaun feels all trees planted on Cowboy Drive need tree guards. Doug Miyamoto said he visited with Todd and he is capable and willing to do the guards this year. The members reviewed the paper prepared by Doug and Muff reviewing all the comments made by the members at previous meetings along with some options to begin the discussion. After discussing it further, the Board said they would like to go with option 2 and 3. All new plantings will cost \$1,000 which includes the tree, a guard, watering system, plaque, stone and maintenance. Those who have purchased trees since 2006 may pay \$500 and have a tree guard placed around their tree.

The sponsorships will be as follows: \$0 to \$500 will still be the bronze sponsorship, \$500 to \$1,000 will continue to be the silver sponsorship, \$1,000 to \$1,500 will continue to be the gold sponsorship and add the platinum at \$2,000 to \$2,500.

There being no additional business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Shaun Sims, President

Date