

RECORDING OF PROCEEDINGS

Wyoming Board of Agriculture
March 13, 2012
Conference Call

Present: Jana Ginter
Jim Hodder
Shaun Sims, President
Alison Lass
Bryan Brost
Patrick Zimmerer
John Hansen, Vice President
Cameron Smith
Richard Schlenker
Jason Fearneyhough, Director

Absent: John Moore
Jim Price
Frank Galey, Dean UW College of Ag and Natural Resources
Governor Mead's Office

Guests: Cindy Garretson-Weibel
Bobbie Frank

John Hansen made a motion to approve the February 21 and 22, 2012 minutes. The motions was seconded by Alison Lass. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Issues

Doug and Jason said they would like to bring in more people to the meetings who can share their expertise on the various issues facing agriculture.

Jason has invited Carrie Castile, Deputy Assistant Commissioner, from the Louisiana Department of Agriculture to attend the April meeting. She serves on the NASDA Board and is an expert on water issues. He thought it would be good for the board to understand the problems faced in the gulf and how they affect our headwaters.

Shaun asked the members to share their ideas of topics for future meetings. Following are those suggestions:

Beef Council – April

State Engineer – update on million project and other issues on water – April.

Legislative Update on the outcomes from the bills by Doug and Jason. Jason said he would like to talk about how the bills affect Ag in general rather than from the department's perspective – April.

Farm Bill Update from Jason – April.

Tour of the new lab - April

Round-up Ready Sugar Beet Update by Jason. Preferred alternative is favorable to have round-up ready beets – April.

BLM Updates on hot topics. Interior – charge \$1 fee in addition to the \$ AUM fee – April.

Topics for the joint meeting with the Business Council in May:

Horses. Invite either Gary Zakotnic or Cally Hendrickson from Colorado; both of whom are on the Wild Horse and Burro Advisory Board. Possibly have Representative Wallis attend again to give an update.

On-line Farmer's Markets. Kim Porter.

Brucellosis update - from Jim Logan.

Mobile Slaughter. Cindy suggested one of their grant recipients, David, talk about his idea to sell meat to restaurants across the state.

Jason said it would be great to have one or two mobile slaughters to try different markets, but realistically they aren't conducive to large slaughtering.

Cindy said the WBC is meeting this week and if they come up with additional topics, she will let us know at the April meeting.

Lamb Coop – changes in the last couple years. Bryce or a member come in and give us an in-depth discussion – WBC meeting.

Pinedale Anticline – Jason suggested Wendy Kelly to talk about the anticline. He also said Maggie Miller and Albert Sommers are doing some really neat things. Jason will make some phone calls.

Jim Hodder would like to have some smaller topics – i.e. wine industry in Wyoming on future agendas.

Shaun would like to have field tours when meetings are around the state. Shaun would also like to have someone in to talk about range monitoring.

Living Legacy

Muff asked for a picture of the guard so she can include it in the letter to the previous tree purchasers. Patrick has one and will send it to her.

Shaun said they have received \$3,000 as an urban and forestry grant and a couple of the conservation districts have purchased trees at \$1,000. He indicated Todd would like orders for the guards by mid April in order to have 25 done by mid July. June 4 is a schedule work day at State Fair where work on

planting trees and getting tree guards up will be done. Shaun encouraged the board members to be there to help on June 4. If that changes Bobbie will let us know. The grant they received requires volunteer participation.

Meeting adjourned.

There being no additional business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Shaun Sims, President

Date