

RECORDING OF PROCEEDINGS

Wyoming Board of Agriculture
July 10, 2012
Conference Call

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

Absent: Frank Galey, Dean, College of Ag and Natural Resources
Governor Mead's Office

Staff: Justin Caudill
Julie Cook
Muff Parker
Doug Miyamoto
Chris Wichmann

Guests: Conservation District representatives
Ken Hamilton
Bobbie Frank

The meeting was called to order at 7 a.m. and roll was taken. A quorum was established.

Minutes

Alison Lass made a motion to approve the April 9, 10, and 11, 2011 minutes. It was noted that the dollar amount of the balance should be removed and just leave "the balance" in the second to the last paragraph on page 5. The motion was seconded by Jim Price. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Water Quality Gants

A representative of each of applicants was on the phone to explain their project and answer any questions.

Jason asked if there were any funds going directly to a producer or if they are going to the districts. Bobbie Frank said some of the funds are used for cost share for public benefit. Jason said he agrees, but should check it out.

Jana Ginter asked for some further information on the ten landowners with septic systems – objective 10-3-6. She said the county is collecting data and the districts are helping with the project 100 meters of a stream – they help locate them for landowners. If so, they would use 319 funds to cost-share with the landowner to fix the septic. **Patrick Zimmerer made a motion to approve the Sheridan County Conservation District Water Quality Improvement Project in the amount of \$30,000 ending July 31, 2014. The motion was seconded by Jim Hodder. All voted in favor. Motion carried.**

Shaun Sims made a motion to approve the Lower Wind River Conservation District Ocean Lake phase II Project in the amount of \$30,000 ending April 30, 2014. The motion was seconded by Alison Lass. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Chris Wichmann asked Bobbie for clarification of the difference between \$30,000 and the amount on the letter from WACD. Bobbie said it was an error on their part and would get a new letter to us. **Jim Price made a motion to approve the Natrona County Conservation District Middle North Platte Watershed Selenium Monitoring Project in the amount of \$30,000 ending January 31, 2014. The motion was seconded by Richard Schlenker. All voted in favor. Motion carried.**

Jim Price, Jr. made a motion to approve the Popo Agie Conservation District Middle Fork of the Popo Agie River Planning and Assessment in the amount of \$17,621.48 ending October 31, 2014. The motion was seconded by Jana Ginter. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Jana Ginter made a motion to approve the Powell Clarks Fork Conservation District Bitter Creek/Shoshone River Watershed Plan Implementation in the amount of \$30,000 ending July 31, 2014. The motion was seconded by Cameron Smith. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Jim Hodder made a motion to approve the Crook County Natural District 2013-2014 Belle Fourche River Watershed Improvement Implementation Plan in the amount of \$30,000 ending November 30, 2014. The motion was seconded by Alison Lass. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Jim Price, Jr. made a motion to approve the Star Valley Conservation District Salt River Watershed/Little Grey Cattle Allotment 2012-2014 project in the amount of \$30,000 ending November 30, 2014. The motion was seconded by John Moore. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Alison Lass made a motion to approve the South Big Horn Conservation District Continuation of Big Horn River and Tributaries Water Monitoring in the amount of \$30,000 ending August 31, 2014. The motion was seconded by Jim Price, Jr.. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Patrick Zimmerer made a motion to approve the Sweetwater County Conservation District Bitter/Killpecker Creek Sampling and Analysis for TMDL Preparations and Watershed Assessment Project in the amount of \$30,000 ending July 2015. The motion was seconded by Shaun Sims. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Jim Hodder made a motion to approve the Sublette County Conservation District Little Sandy River Monitoring project in the amount of \$30,000 ending July 31, 2014. The motion was seconded by Jana Ginter. All voted in favor. Motion carried. Chris Wichmann asked about the start date of June. Since that is past, he asked to have it changed to a start date of 2012, which was okay.

Shaun Sims made a motion to approve the Little Snake River Conservation District Savery Creek project in the amount of \$13,195 ending October 31, 2012. The motion was seconded by Bryan Brost. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Patrick Zimmerer made a motion to approve the South Goshen Conservation District SGCD AFO/CAFO Best Management Program in the amount of \$20,000 ending July 31, 2014. The motion was seconded by Jim Price, Jr. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Washakie County CD. Shaun Sims said WACD felt the proposal was out of the scope of the Water Quality Parameters. He feels they need funding and is willing to find some. Jason is going to talk with EPA at the meeting in a couple of weeks. **Alison Lass made a motion not to approve the Washakie County Conservation District WCCD Fuel Containment Program. The motion was seconded by John Moore. All voted in favor. Motion carried.**

Shaun Sims made a motion to approve the Hot Springs Conservation District's Interim report. The motion was seconded by Jim Price. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Jim Hodder made a motion to approve the Sublette County Conservation District's final report. The motion was seconded by Jana Ginter. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Jason wanted the members to know about the public meeting throughout the state to clarify the rules on raw milk, poultry, eggs and vegetables. He also wanted them to know about the meetings regarding the drought and fires. There was one meeting last week and there will be three this week. The first part of the meeting is to talk about what is being done and the second part is to find out what the concerns are and asking for input on some things we can do to help people. This information will be given to the Governor.

The 2013 budget approval will wait for the August meeting.

Landowner program is moving forward.

Chris Wichmann updated members on the RHAP program. The program has \$200,000. To date he has received six applications that met the criteria. He asked if the applications can be reviewed and if the board can take action by the end of July. **Shaun made a motion to hold a meeting to review the RHPAP proposals on July 25 at 7 a.m. The motion was seconded by Alison Lass. All voted in favor. Motion carried.** Chris will get the information out to the members for their review prior to the July 25 meeting.

There being no additional business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

John Hansen, President

Date