

RECORDING OF PROCEEDINGS

Wyoming Board of Agriculture
December 10, 2013
Conference Call

Present: Patrick Zimmerer, President
Alison Lass, Vice President
Jim Hodder
Bryan Brost
Cameron Smith
Shun Sims
Jana Ginter
John Hansen
Jim Price, Jr.

Absent: Richard Schlenker
John Moore
Jason Fearneyhough
Frank Galey
Governor Mead's Office

Staff: Muff Parker
Chris Wichmann
Justin Caudill

Guests: Ken Hamilton
Tori Dietz
Janet Hallsted

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 by Alison Lass. Roll was taken and a quorum was established. President Zimmerer joined soon after.

WQ Grant Reports/Requests

Justin Caudill updated the members on the status of the two projects that are before the board for consideration.

Jim Price made a motion to accept the interim report from the South Big Horn Conservation District on the Continuation of Big Horn River and Tributaries Water Monitoring Project. The motion was seconded by Shaun Sims. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Jana Ginter made a motion to accept the interim report from the Washakie County Conservation District on the Bighorn River-Slick Creek Watershed Improvement Project. The motion was seconded by Alison Lass. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Tori Dietz spoke to the 2-year extension request by the Washakie County Conservation District on the same project. **Alison Lass made a motion to approve the Washakie County Conservation District 2-**

year extension request on the Bighorn River-Slick Creek Watershed Improvement Project. The motion was seconded by Shaun Sims. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Justin Caudill said they have received eleven applications for the applied research grants. The applications should be going out by early next week, with a letter from Director Fearneyhough with his recommendations to follow. This should allow ample time for the members to review those applications in time for the January meeting. He also said the interim reports will be spread out from now on to eliminate the Board from having to review twenty at a time.

Board Updates

Alison said during the tour of State Fairgrounds last month, they talked about the request to fund putting in a concrete floor to the Livestock Pavilion to reduce the dust concerns for the 2013 Fair. Chris Wichmann said the Budget request of \$738,000 for that floor was in the Governor's budget.

Both Patrick and Alison said they would like to have a couple of members at State Fair for the week, on a rotating basis.

Jana Ginter said the person she would like to recommend to the State Fair Advisory Board should be getting back with her today.

Shaun said he attended the Wool Growers Convention and the Wyoming Association of Conservation District Convention in Jackson and both went well

Conservation District Appointment

Shaun Sims made a motion to appoint Jeremy Dedic to the at-large position vacated by Cindy Gruwell to the Weston County Conservation District until the next general election. The motion was seconded by Alison Lass. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

There being no additional business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Patrick Zimmerer, President

Date