

RECORDING OF PROCEEDINGS

Wyoming Board of Agriculture
February 10-12, 2015
Department of Agriculture Conference Room
Cheyenne, WY

Present:

Alison Lass
Shaun Sims
Bryan Brost
Jim Hodder
Jana Ginter
John Hansen
Cameron Smith
Kendall Roberts
Julie Cook

Staff:

Pam Bell
Chris Wichmann
Slade Franklin
Dean Finkenbinder
Justin Caudill
Kent Drake
Derek Grant
Justin Williams
Michelle MacDonald

Absent:

Richard Schlenker
John Moore
Jim Price Jr.
Dr. Frank Galey
Nephi Cole

Guests: Blake Klinker, John Watson, Travis Ziehl, Dan Matson, Bobbie Frank, Ann Wittmann, Brett Moline, Scott Zimmerman, Jim Magagna, Ken Hamilton, Keith Kennedy, Cindy Garretson-Weibel, Andy Countryman, Dan Smith, Troy Tobiasson, Matt Withroder, Jason Sherwood, Jim Cochran, Matt Ley, Rex Lockman, Don Newton, Cathy Meyer, Jeri Trebelcock, Karri Ellis, Carrie Rogaczewski, Lisa Ogden, Brenda Ashworth, Linda Hamilton, Karen Pecheny, Lindsay Wood, Danelle Peck, Alex Kesterson, Dr. Anwar Islam, Mark Stratton

Called to order by Alison Lass at 8:15 a.m.

Minutes

Cameron Smith made a motion to accept the minutes from the December 1, 2014 meeting. The motion was seconded by John Hansen. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Weed & Pest Designated & Declared Resolutions

Slade Franklin provided information about the following Weed & Pest Designated & Declared Resolutions: Sublette County-Black henbane, Uinta County-Black henbane, Natrona County-bulbous bluegrass, Sweetwater County-Common Raven, Natrona County-Dame's Rocket, Sublette County-Hoary alyssum and cheatgrass. **Shaun Sims made a motion to approve the joint resolution to add Black henbane for Sublette and Uinta County Weed and Pest Control Districts, to the Designated Weed & Pest list. The motion was seconded by John Hansen. No discussion. All voted in favor. Motion carried. Jim Hodder made a motion to approve the joint resolution to add bulbous bluegrass for Natrona County Weed and Pest Control District, Dame's Rocket for the Natrona County Weed and Pest Control**

District, Hoary alyssum and cheatgrass for the Sublette County Weed and Pest Control District, to the Declared Weed & Pest list. The motion was seconded by John Hansen. No discussion. Motion carried. Dan Matson with the Sweetwater County Weed and Pest Control District provided information about the Common Raven. **Cameron Smith made a motion to approve the joint resolution to add the Common Rave/Corvus Corax for the Sweetwater County Weed and Pest Control District to the Declared Weed & Pest list. The motion was seconded by Bryan Brost. No discussion. All voted in favor. Motion carried.**

Other Weed & Pest Resolutions

Slade Franklin provided information about the Cooperative Agreement with the University of Wyoming Seed Certification Service. **Jana Ginter made a motion to approve the Cooperative Agreement with the University of Wyoming Seed Certification Service to provide weed free forage certification for producers. The motion was seconded by Bryan Brost. No discussion. All voted in favor. Motion carried.**

Slade Franklin provided information about the “PlayCleanGo” education program. **Shaun Sims made a motion to approve the Wyoming Weed & Pest Education Committee “PlayCleanGo: Stop Invasive Species in Your Tracks” campaign Resolution. The motion was seconded by Kendall Roberts. No discussion. All voted in favor. Motion carried.**

Weed & Pest Chapter 42 & 44 Rules and Regulations

Slade Franklin provided information about the Weed & Pest Chapter 42 amendments. **Shaun Sims made a motion to accept the Board of Agriculture Weed and Pest Rules Chapter 42 Wyoming Weed and Pest Control Act amendments as presented to the board. The motion was seconded by Kendall Roberts. No discussion. All voted in favor. Motion carried.**

Slade Franklin provided information about the Weed & Pest Chapter 44 amendments. **Cameron Smith made a motion to accept the Board of Agriculture Weed and Pest Rules Chapter 44 Certification Rules & Regulations for Weed & Pest Supervisors amendments. The motion was seconded by John Hansen. No discussion. All voted in favor. Motion carried.**

Slade Franklin requested that John Hansen take over for Jim Price as the Board’s liaison for the Weed & Pest State Allocations Committee. **Jana Ginter made a motion to allow John Hansen to go to the Weed & Pest State Allocations Committee meeting on March 12, 2015. The motion was seconded by Shaun Sims. No discussion. All voted in favor. Motion carried.**

Updates

Julie Cook introduced Blake Klinker as the new Attorney General Representative for the Department of Agriculture. Cindy Garretson-Weibel talked about having a joint meeting between Wyoming Business Council and the Board of Agriculture in Rawlins on May 27th. There was discussion about what items to discuss at the joint meeting, such as the Interstate Shipment of Meat. She also updated the Board of Agriculture about activities currently active at the Wyoming Business Council. Julie Cook provided an update on the Wyoming Department of Agriculture.

Legislative Updates

Scott Zimmerman with Rocky Mountain Farmer’s Union provided information about the bills they are following at this time, included HB 108. He also provided information about a water irrigation issue in Laramie County. Bobbie Frank with the National Association of Conservation Districts provided

information about the priority bills they are tracking, which include SF 12. Brett Moline with the Wyoming Farm Bureau Federation provided information about the bills they are following, which include SF 43 and the Food Freedom Act. Jim Magagna with the Wyoming Stock Growers Association provided information about HB 108, as well as other bills they are following. Ann Wittmann with the Wyoming Beef Council provided information about the second Beef Check-off.

Game & Fish-Access Recognition Program

The board members met with their Game & Fish representatives, to discuss nominations for the Access Recognition Program.

NR&P-Laramie Rivers Conservation District Resignation/Appointment

Jana Ginter made a motion to accept the resignation of Kelly Kennedy from the Laramie Rivers Conservation District and accept the replacement of Carol Price to the same position. The motion was seconded by Cameron Smith. No discussion. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Chris Wichmann provided the board with an update regarding the Cody Conservation District. Justin Caudill will be providing supervisor training to the Cody Conservation District board members.

RHAP Applications

Justin Caudill provided information about the RHAP program. Justin Caudill provided information about the Uinta Conservation District Hessie Lake-Henry's Fork & Red Castle Allotments RM Project. **Jim Hodder made a motion to approve the Uinta Conservation District Hessie Lake-Henry's Fork & Red Castle Allotments RM Project contingent upon the wording we would need from the attorney general. The motion was seconded by Jana Ginter.** Discussion by John Hansen about setting policy before voting on this. **Jana Ginter made a motion to set the policy today, with the word-smithing to follow, but there is already have a motion on the floor.** There was discussion by Justin Caudill about possible wording to be added. **Original motion failed. Jana Ginter made a motion to set the guidance today that includes the following wording "Project partners must agree to provide at a minimum, in update and final reports; records demonstrating all partners (Federal Specialists, Conservation District employees, Contractor, and especially Permittee(s)) involvement in; creation of the Monitoring Plan, establishment and or assessment of monitoring locations, training's attended/provided, dates/time spent executing cooperative monitoring. And include written conclusions in the Final Report from the permittee(s) and project proponents explaining the products/outcomes achieved through their project". The motion was seconded by Jim Hodder. No discussion. All voted in favor. Motion carried.** **Jim Hodder made a motion to include the wording "adjacent lands, no transportation and Wyoming Producers". The motion was seconded by Kendall Roberts. No discussion. All voted in favor. Motion carried.** **Jana Ginter made a motion to approve the Uinta Conservation District Hessie Lake-Henry's Fork & Red Castle Allotments RM Project of \$20,000 with Claimed In-kind/Match of \$17,596 contingent upon language by the attorney general. The motion was seconded by Kendall Roberts. No discussion. All voted in favor. Motion carried.**

Justin Caudill provided information about the Lincoln County CD-Basin Creek & Elk Creek Allotment Range/Watershed Monitoring Health Assessment Project. **Jim Hodder made a motion to approve the Lincoln County CD-Basin Creek & Elk Creek Allotment Range/Watershed Monitoring Health Assessment Project for \$20,000 with Claimed In-Kind/Match of \$11,140 project. The motion was seconded by Cameron Smith. Discussion by Jana Ginter about the photographs in the project. All voted in favor. Motion carried.**

Chris Wichmann provided information to the board about the upcoming RFP's.

RHAP Reports

Justin Caudill provided information about the UW Ag Extension Big Horn Basin 1 Project. **Jana Ginter made a motion to accept the UW Ag Extension Big Horn Basin 1 Project update report. The motion was seconded by John Hansen. Motion failed. Shaun Sims made a motion to postpone the acceptance of this report for 60 days in order to bring this into compliance with the requirements. The motion was seconded by Kendall Roberts. No discussion. All voted in favor. Motion carried.**

Rex Lockman provided information about the Laramie County CD-Pole Mountain Robel Pole Project. **Cameron Smith made a motion to accept the Laramie County CD-Pole Mountain Robel Pole Project Update Report. The motion was seconded by Shaun Sims. Discussion by Kendall Roberts thanking the Laramie County CD for all the work they do. All voted in favor. Motion carried.**

Justin Caudill and Cathy Meyer of Lower Wind River CD provided information about the Lower Wind River CD Defelder & Shoshoni Road Monitoring Project. **Cameron Smith made a motion to accept the Lower Wind River CD Defelder & Shoshoni Road Monitoring Project Update Report. The motion was seconded by Kendall Roberts. No discussion. All voted in favor. Motion carried.**

Justin Caudill and Jeri Trebelcock of Popo Agie CD provided information about the Popo Agie CD-Silver Creek Common Allotment Project. **Kendall Roberts made a motion to approve the Popo Agie CD-Silver Creek Common Allotment Final Report. The motion was seconded by Cameron Smith. No discussion. All voted in favor. Motion carried.**

Justin Caudill and Jeri Trebelcock provided information about the Popo Agie CD-Granite Mountain Open Allotment Cooperative Monitoring Project. **Kendall Roberts made a motion to accept the Popo Agie CD-Granite Mountain Open Allotment Cooperative Monitoring Project Update Report. The motion was seconded by Shaun Sims. No discussion. All voted in favor. Motion carried.**

Justin Caudill provided information about the Star Valley CD-Forest Dell & Grover Blaney Allotment Project. **Bryan Brost made a motion to approve the Star Valley CD-Forest Dell & Grover Blaney Allotment Range Monitoring Final Report. The motion was seconded by Kendall Roberts. No discussion. All voted in favor. Motion carried.**

Justin Caudill provided information about the Star Valley CD-Spring Creek & Little Greys Allotment Project. **Cameron Smith made a motion to approve the Star Valley CD-Spring Creek & Little Greys Allotment Range Monitoring Final Report. The motion was seconded by Jana Ginter. No discussion. All voted in favor. Motion carried.**

Justin Caudill provided information about the UW Extension-Hay Creek Land & Cattle Ranch Monitoring Project. **Jim Hodder made a motion to approve the UW Extension-Hay Creek Land & Cattle Ranch Monitoring Project Extension Request until May 31' 2015. The motion was seconded by Bryan Brost. No discussion. All voted in favor. Motion carried.**

Water Quality Reports

Justin Caudill provided information about the Crook County CD-13-14 Belle Fourche River Watershed Improvement Implementation Plan Project. **Kendall Roberts made a motion to approve the Crook County CD-13-14 Belle Fourche River Watershed Improvement Implementation Plan Final Report. The motion was seconded by Bryan Brost. No discussion. All voted in favor. Motion carried.**

Justin Caudill provided information about the Washaki County CD-Bighorn River-Slick Creek Watershed Implementation Project. **Jim Hodder made a motion to accept the Washaki County CD-Bighorn River-Slick Creek Watershed Implementation Interim Report. The motion was seconded by Cameron Smith. No discussion. All voted in favor. Motion carried.**

Matt Ley of the Laramie County CD provided information about the Laramie County CD-Upper Crow Creek WQ Monitoring & BMP Project. **Kendall Roberts made a motion to approve the Laramie County CD-Upper Crow Creek WQ Monitoring & BMP Implementation & Maintenance Final Report. The motion was seconded by John Hansen. No discussion. All voted in favor. Motion carried.**

Cathy Meyer of the Lower Wind River CD provided information about the Lower Wind River CD-Ocean Lake Phase II Project. **Cameron Smith made a motion to accept the Lower Wind River CD-Ocean Lake Phase II Interim Report. The motion was seconded by Bryan Brost. No discussion. All voted in favor. Motion carried.**

Justin Caudill provided information about the Natrona County CD-Middle North Platte Watershed Selenium Monitoring Projects (2013-2014). **Jim Hodder made a motion to approve the Natrona County CD-Middle North Platte Watershed Selenium Monitoring Projects (2013-2014) Final Report. The motion was seconded by Jana Ginter. Discussion by Bryan Brost about what caused the lower level of selenium in the water. All voted in favor. Motion carried.**

Justin Caudill provided information about the Natrona County CD-Small Acreage Demonstration Projects 2013. **Jana Ginter made a motion to accept the Natrona County CD-Small Acreage Demonstration Project 2013 Interim Report. The motion was seconded by Bryan Brost. No discussion. All voted in favor. Motion carried.**

Karri Ellis of South Goshen CD provided information about the South Goshen CD-AFO/CAFO Best Management Project. **Cameron Smith made a motion to accept the South Goshen CD-AFO/CAFO Best Management Program Interim Report. The motion was seconded by Bryan Brost. No discussion. All voted in favor. Motion carried.**

Justin Caudill provided information about the Star Valley CD-Salt River Watershed/Little Greys Cattle Allotment Project. **John Hansen made a motion to accept the Star Valley CD-Salt River Watershed/Little Greys Cattle Allotment Program Final Report. The motion was seconded by Cameron Smith. Discussion from Jim Hodder about this project. All voted in favor. Motion carried.**

Justin Caudill provided information about the Star Valley CD-Septic System Education & Cost Share Project. **Kendall Roberts made a motion to approve the Star Valley CD-Septic System Education & Cost Share Program Final Report. The motion was seconded by Jana Ginter. Discussion by Jana Ginter about this project. Bobbie Frank of the Wyoming Association of Conservation Districts said they are close to getting their 2014-2015 Watershed Results published. All voted in favor. Motion carried.**

Water Quality Applications

Justin Caudill and Bobbie Frank of the Wyoming Association of Conservation Districts provided information about the Water Quality Grant Program guidelines and criteria used to review the applications being presented.

Carrie Rogaczewski of the Sheridan County CD provided information about the Sheridan County CD-2015-16 Sheridan County Septic Conversions Project. **Jana Ginter made a motion to approve the Sheridan County CD 2015-16 Sheridan County Septic Conversions Project in the amount of \$30,000 with a Claimed In-kind/Match of \$25,000. The motion was seconded by Shaun Sims. Discussion by Jim Hodder about the amount of funding available for all of the projects. Failed for lack of a motion.**

Brenda Ashworth of the Star Valley Conservation District provided information about the Star Valley CD Salt River Watershed/Spring Creek & Grover Blaney Cattle Allotment 2015-2016 Project. Linda Hamilton of the South Bighorn CD provided information about the South Bighorn CD-Dry Creek Water Quality Enhancement BMP Project. Lisa Ogden of the Natrona County CD provided information about the Natrona County CD-NRP Watershed Selenium Monitoring Project. Cathy Meyer of the Lower Wind River CD provided information about the Lower Wind River CD-Poison Creek Project. Karen Pecheny of the Sweetwater County CD provided information about the Sweetwater County CD-Bitter Creek Diversion Structure Project. Justin Caudill provided information about the Medicine Bow CD-LMBR Stream Gauge Project. Cathy Meyer of the Lower Wind River CD provided information about the Lower Wind River CD-Badwater Creek Project.

Shaun Sims made a motion to approve funding for the following projects based on their score and ranking by WACD: Sheridan County CD-2015-16 Sheridan County Septic Conversions in the amount of \$30,000 with Claimed In-kind/Match of \$25,000; Star Valley CD-Salt River Watershed/Spring Creek & Grover Blaney Cattle Allotment 2015-2016 in the amount of \$29,000 with Claimed In-kind/Match of \$10,000; South Big Horn CD-Dry Creek Water Quality Enhancement BMP in the amount of \$30,000 with Claimed In-kind/Match of \$18,675; Natrona County CD-NPR Watershed Selenium Monitoring (2015-17) in the amount of \$30,000 with Claimed In-kind/Match of \$9,000; and Lower Wind River CD-Poison Creek in the amount of the remaining funds of \$5,142.34 with Claimed In-kind/Match of \$1,774. The motion was seconded by Kendall Roberts. No discussion. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

APRGP Reports

Chris Wichmann provided information about the APRGP program.

Michelle MacDonald provided information about the UW-Perennial cool-season grasses for hay production and fall grazing under full and limited irrigation project. **Kendall Roberts made a motion to accept the UW-Perennial cool-season grasses for hay production and fall grazing under full and limited irrigation Update Report. The motion was seconded by Shaun Sims. No discussion. All voted in favor. Motion carried.**

Michelle MacDonald and Lindsey Wood of Chicken Creek Consulting provided information about Chicken Creek Consulting's- Bulbous Bluegrass project. **Jim Hodder made a motion to accept Chicken Creek Consulting-Bulbous Bluegrass – Control options through mechanical treatments Update Report. The motion was seconded by Cameron Smith. No discussion. All voted in favor. Motion carried.**

Danelle Peck of the University of Wyoming provided information about UW-Economic benefits and costs of vaccinating domestic sheep against bluetongue virus in Wyoming Project. **Cameron Smith made a**

motion to accept the UW-Economic benefits and costs of vaccinating domestic sheep against bluetongue virus in Wyoming Update Report. The motion was seconded by Shaun Sims. No discussion. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Dr. Anwar Islam of the University of Wyoming provided information about UW-Effect of Planting Time and Fertilizer Management on Quinoa Production in Wyoming Project. **Jana Ginter made a motion to accept the UW-Effect of Planting Time and Fertilizer Management on Quinoa Production in Wyoming Update Report. The motion was seconded by John Hansen. Discussion by Bryan Brost and Jana Ginter. All voted in favor. Motion carried.**

Keith Kennedy of the Crop Research Foundation of America, provided information about the Crop Research Foundation of Wyoming-Wheat Weather Monitoring Project. **John Hansen made a motion to accept the Crop Research Foundation of Wyoming-Wheat Weather Monitoring Project Update Report. The motion was seconded by Cameron Smith. No discussion. All voted in favor. Motion carried.**

Michelle MacDonald provided information about the UW-Development and Validation of a Polymerase Chain Reaction Test for Diagnosis of *Brucella abortus* Infection in Livestock Project. **Cameron Smith made a motion to accept the UW-Development of Validation of a Polymerase Chain Reaction Test for Diagnosis of *Brucella abortus* Infection in Livestock Update Report. The motion was seconded by Kendall Roberts. No discussion. All voted in favor. Motion carried.**

Alex Kesterson of the University of Wyoming provided information about the UW-Evaluation of the Role of Cell-Mediated Immunity in Efficacy of Experimental Alternative Schedule of Live Attenuated RB51 Vaccine against Brucellosis in Cattle Project. **Shaun Sims made a motion to approve the UW- Evaluation of the Role of Cell-Mediated Immunity in Efficacy of Experimental Alternative Schedule of Live Attenuated RB51 Vaccine against Brucellosis in Cattle Final Report. The motion was seconded by Kendall Roberts. No discussion. All voted in favor. Motion carried.**

Michelle MacDonald provided information about the UW-Soil Health, Water Use, and Fertilizer Recommendations for Sugar Beet-Dry Bean-Barley Rotations under Conservation Tillage, Cover Crops, and Limited Irrigation Project. This report was late due to accounting procedures and personnel changes. **Jana Ginter made a motion to accept the UW-Soil Health, Water Use, and Fertilizer Recommendations for Sugar Beet-Dry Bean-Barley Rotations under Conservation Tillage, Cover Crops, and Limited Irrigation Update Report. The motion was seconded by Kendall Roberts. No discussion. All voted in favor. Motion carried.**

Mark Stratton of the University of Wyoming provided information about the UW-Genetics of Resistance to High Altitude Disease (Brisket Disease) in Yak/Cow Hybrids Project. This report was turned in late. **Kendall Roberts made a motion to accept the UW-Genetics of Resistance to High Altitude Disease (Brisket Disease) in Yak/Cow Hybrids Update Report. The motion was seconded by John Hansen. No discussion. All voted in favor. Motion carried.**

Andrew Kniss of the University of Wyoming provided information about the UW-Reducing Direct Harvest Losses in Conservation Tillage Dry Bean Production Project. **John Hansen made a motion to accept the UW-Reducing Direct Harvest Losses in Conservation Tillage Dry Bean Production Update Report. The motion was seconded by Cameron Smith. No discussion. All voted in favor. Motion carried.**

Chris Wichmann explained to the board the reason why this report is late. Dr. Islam provided information about the UW-Production of Locally-Bred Winter Pea to Integrate Crop and Livestock Production Project. **Jana Ginter made a motion to grant the UW-Production of Locally-Bred Winter Pea to Integrate Crop and Livestock Production Project an extension for the update report to be due June 1, 2015. The motion was seconded by Jim Hodder. No discussion. All voted in favor. Motion carried.**

Chris Wichmann provided a proposed timeline about the next set of RFP's.

Public Comment

No public comment.

There being no additional business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Alison Lass, President

Date