

RECORDING OF PROCEEDINGS

Wyoming Board of Agriculture
April 13-14, 2015
Department of Agriculture Conference Room
Cheyenne, WY

Present:

Alison Lass
Cameron Smith
Kevin Schieffer
Jim Rogers
Shaun Sims
John Hansen
Jana Ginter
Bryan Brost
Kendall Roberts
Dr. Frank Galey
Doug Miyamoto
Nephi Cole

Staff:

Pam Bell
Julie Cook
Chris Wichmann
Hank Uhden
Ted Craig
Justin Caudill
Kent Drake
James Goodrich

Absent:

Richard Schlenker
John Moore

Guests:

Blake Klinkner, Jim Magagna, Denny Hall, Bobbie Frank, Cindy Garretson-Weibel, June Wendlandt, Dennis Saville, John Henn, Grant Stumbough, Amy Hendrickson, Donn Randall, Megan Parker, Joe Coyne

Called to order by Alison Lass at 1:00 p.m. Roll was taken, and a quorum was established.

Introduction of new Board Members

New board members Jim Rogers and Kevin Schieffer were introduced, and they provided information about themselves.

Introduction of new Director and Department Update

Director Doug Miyamoto introduced himself to the board and provided them with information about his background. He provided department updates to the board, including the Food Freedom Act, other programs taking place within the department, and the topic of wolf funding. Doug Miyamoto explained the state philosophy on wolf funding. He asked for the Board's support in this process. **Jana Ginter made a motion to support the director writing a letter of regarding how the State will use wolf funding. The motion was seconded by Shaun Sims. Discussion by Shaun Sims regarding the history of wolf management. All voted in favor. Motion carried.**

Election of new President and Vice President

Shaun Sims nominated Cameron Smith as president. Cameron Smith accepted the nomination. John Hansen seconded the nomination. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Alison Lass nominated Kendall Roberts as Vice President. Kendall Roberts accepted the nomination. The motion was seconded by Shaun Sims. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Alison Lass turned the gavel over to the new president, Cameron Smith.

Minutes

Shaun Sims made a motion to approve the minutes from the February 11th, 2015 meeting. The motion was seconded by Kendall Roberts. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Seed Lab Operations Update

Denny Hall from the Seed Lab provided an update about the terms of SLAG members and their policies of operations. He asked if it would be possible to stagger the term limits so everyone did not have to be elected at the same time. **Jana Ginter made a motion to allow the seed lab to stagger the position term limits. The motion was seconded by John Hansen. Shaun Sims asked how they were going to go about changing these term limits. Hank Uhden said the statutes for the board never established term limits for board members. All voted in favor. Motion carried.**

Shaun Sims made a motion to approve the new SLAG members. The motion was seconded by Bryan Brost. No discussion. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

John Hansen made a motion to approve the 5% increase of seed lab fees. The motion was seconded by Alison Lass. No discussion. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Kendall Roberts made a motion to approve the new species price list. The motion was seconded by John Hansen. No discussion. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

After updating the board on lab operations, Denny Hall extended an invitation for the board to attend the Field Day on July 16th, or at any time throughout the year for a meeting. Dr. Galey also extended an invitation to the board to attend the other field days throughout the year.

Attorney General's office-RHAP Opinion

Blake Klinkner and Justin Caudill provided information to the board regarding the RHAP Opinion regarding out of state RHAP applications. Blake Klinkner did research on this and said he has no concerns regarding these applications. Justin Caudill provided information to the board about the review process for these applications. **Shaun Sims made a motion to give Justin Caudill direction to develop parameters on the out of state use of RHAP Program funding. The motion was seconded by John Hansen. No discussion. All voted in favor. Motion carried.**

NR&P

Michelle McDonald provided information about the Converse County appointment. **Shaun Sims made a motion to appoint Gary Jacobson to the Converse County CD Board of Supervisors. The motion was seconded by John Hansen. No discussion. All voted in favor. Motion carried.**

RHAP Reports

Justin Caudill provided information about the Hot Springs CD Hillberry Ranch Project. **Jana Ginter made a motion to reject the Hot Spring CD Hillberry Ranch Project Update Report until a more complete report can be submitted. Jana amended the motion to "postone the acceptance of the Hot Springs CD Hillberry Ranch Project update report for 30 days so that they can put together a more complete report". The motion was seconded by Jim Rogers. Discussion about providing an example of what type of report is acceptable. All voted in favor. Motion carried. Cameron Smith called for a show of hands of who accepted the motion, and those who opposed the motion. 3 voted in favor, 6 voted**

against. The motion failed. Kendall Roberts made a motion to request from the Hot Springs CD Hillberry Ranch Project for more information to be delivered in 60 days due to failure to meet contractual agreement at this time. The motion was seconded by Alison Lass. No discussion. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Justin Caudill provided information about the Uinta County Commissioners East Fork Smiths Fork & Gilbert Creek Allotments Range Monitoring Project. **Kendall Roberts made a motion to accept the Uinta County Commissioners East Fork Smiths Fork & Gilbert Creek Allotments Range Monitoring Project Final Report as presented. The motion was seconded by John Hansen. Discussion by Shaun Sims about the location of these allotments. All voted in favor. Motion carried.**

Justin Caudill provided information about the Lower Winder River CD Defelder & Shoshoni Road Monitoring Project. **Kendall Roberts made a motion to approve the Lower Wind River CD Defelder & Shoshoni Road Monitoring Final Report. The motion was seconded by Alison Lass. No discussion. All voted in favor. Motion carried.**

Water Quality Final Reports

Justin Caudill provided information about the Campbell County CD Powder River & Belle Fourche River Watersheds Monitoring Project. **Shaun Sims made a motion to approve the Campbell County CD Powder River & Belle Fourche River Watersheds Monitoring Project Final Report. Discussion by Jana Ginter about the receipts that were turned in for this report. 8 voted in favor, 1 opposed. Motion carried.**

Justin Caudill provided information about the Sheridan County CD Tongue River & Goose Creek Watersheds Stream Rehabilitation & Diversion Project. **Jana Ginter made a motion to approve the Sheridan County CD Tongue River & Goose Creek Watersheds Stream Rehabilitation & Diversion Project Final Report. The motion was seconded by Kendall Roberts. All voted in favor. Motion carried.** There being no additional business, the meeting was adjourned.

April 14, 2015

The meeting was called to order at 8:30 a.m. by President Smith. Roll was taken, and a quorum was established.

Review Liaison Assignments

Cameron Smith went through and updated the assignments.

Review Meeting Dates

The board members reviewed the meeting dates and locations for the remainder of the year.

Discussion about Outcomes of Joint Meetings

Doug Miyamoto asked the board members what topics they would like to talk about during the upcoming joint meetings. He also provided information about the topic of aquatic invasive species from an industry point of view, to discuss with the Game & Fish Commission at the joint meeting in September. Other possible topics to discuss would be: Brucellosis, Avian Influenza, Wild Turkeys, West Nile Virus, Bighorn/Domestic Sheep, and Sage Grouse.

Legislative Updates

Julie Cook provided an update to the board about the bills that have passed this session that have affected the Department of Agriculture. Doug Miyamoto provided an update on interim topics.

Patron Survey Results

Joe Coyne and Megan Parker provided information about the results from the 2014 State Fair Survey.

State Fair Update

James Goodrich provided an update to the board about the following items related to the fair: campground, Pathway to Water Quality, Wetlands, Living Legacy Trees, and an update on future planning, maintenance projects taking place this spring, and the Master Plan.

Wild Horses/Sage Grouse/Bighorn Sheep Update

June Wendlandt and Dennis Saville from the BLM provided an update to the board on the Sage Grouse Land Use Plan, Bighorn/Domestic Sheep and the Wyoming Plan, and Wild Horses.

Public Comment

No public comment.

Respectfully submitted,

Cameron Smith, President

Date