

RECORDING OF PROCEEDINGS

Wyoming Board of Agriculture
Wyoming Department of Agriculture Conference Room
April 11-12, 2016

Present:

Kevin Schieffer
Jim Rogers
Amanda Hulet
Bryan Brost
Cameron Smith
Jana Ginter
Alison Lass
Kendall Roberts, President
John Hansen
Shaun Sims
Doug Miyamoto, Director
Stacia Berry, Deputy Director

Staff:

Pam Bell
Chris Wichmann
Hank Uhden
Slade Franklin
James Goodrich
Justin Williams
Ann Wittmann
Michelle MacDonald
Julie Cook

Absent:

Richard Schlenker
Dr. Frank Galey
Nephi Cole

Guests: Cindy Weibel, Bret Hess, Denny Hall, Bobbie Frank (WACD), Abigail Boudewyns, Lisa Johnson (WBC), Torie Dietz (WCCD), Cathy Meyer (LWRCD), Bree Lind (SCCD), Ryan Nielson (West Environmental & Statistical Consultants)

Called to order by Cameron Smith at 1:01 p.m. Roll was taken and a quorum was established.

Introduction of New Board Members

New board member Amanda Hulet was introduced and provided information about herself.

Election of New President and Vice President

Cameron Smith nominated Kendall Roberts as President. Kendall accepted the nomination. The motion was seconded by Kevin Schieffer. All voted in favor. Motion carried. Cameron Smith nominated Jim Rogers as Vice President. Jim Rogers accepted the nomination. The motion was seconded by Alison Lass. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Minutes

Alison Lass made a motion to approve the minutes from the January 28, 2016 meeting. The motion was seconded by Jim Rogers. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Review Liaison Assignments

Jim Rogers made a motion to approve the liaison assignments with changes. The motion was seconded by Cameron Smith. No discussion. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

UW Contract Requirements

Dr. Bret Hess of the University of Wyoming (UW) provided information about new contract requirements for UW, including an Indirect Cost Surcharge.

Seed Lab Update

Denny Hall provided information about an amendment to the Seed Lab Advisory Group (SLAG) Policy of Operations regarding Board of Agriculture member terms. **Jana Ginter made a motion to approve the amendment to the Board of Agriculture term. The motion was seconded by John Hansen. No discussion All voted in favor. Motion carried.** Denny Hall provided information about the price list for new species. **John Hansen made a motion to approve the price list for new species as presented. The motion was seconded by Cameron Smith. No discussion. All voted in favor. Motion carried.** Denny Hall provided an update on the Seed, including staffing and a possible apprenticeship program. The Board of Agriculture was invited to attend the Field Day in Powell on July 19, 2016.

Bighorn Sheep Rules/H2A Labor

Doug Miyamoto provided background information about how the Bighorn Sheep/Domestic Sheep Plan came to be. He spoke to the board about the Bighorn Sheep rule proposal, and the upcoming joint meeting on July 7, 2016 to vote on these rules. The board discussed who would be able to attend the joint meeting on July 7, 2016 with the Game and Fish Commission and the Livestock Board, either in person or by phone. Doug provided information about the H2A labor provisions.

Weed & Pest Council Resolutions

Slade Franklin provided information about the Weed & Pest Council and about the Designated and Declared Weed & Pest lists. **Amanda Hulet made a motion to approve the removal of the Showy Milkweed as a declared weed by the Sheridan County Weed and Pest Control District and Converse County Weed and Pest Control District, and remove Black Medic as a declared weed by the Natrona County Weed and Pest Control District. The motion was seconded by Jana Ginter. No discussion. All voted in favor. Motion carried.** **Jana Ginter made a motion to approve the addition of Sulfur cinquefoil for Sheridan County Weed and Pest Control District, Cheat grass/Downy Brome for Washakie Weed and Pest Control District, Yellow flag iris, Austrian fieldcress, and Poison hemlock for Teton County Weed and Pest Control District, Jointed goatgrass and Poison Hemlock for Campbell County Weed and Pest Control District, Baby's Breath and Cheat grass for Fremont County Weed and Pest Control District, Cheat grass for Hot Springs County Weed and Pest Control District, White Campion, Baby's breath, and Hoary Alyssum for Park County Weed and Pest Control District, to the Declared Weed and Pest List. The motion was seconded by Kevin Schieffer. No discussion. All voted in favor. Motion carried.** **Jana Ginter made a motion to add Emerald Ash Borer for Park County Weed and Pest Control District as a Declared Pest. The motion was seconded by Amanda Hulet. No discussion. All voted in favor. Motion carried.**

State Fair

James Goodrich provided information about a proposed rate increase to the rent the State Fair facilities. The increase is based on similar facilities in other counties in Wyoming, and equals a 15% increase, to be effective July of 2016. Doug Miyamoto provided the reason for the rate increase. **Kevin Schieffer made a motion to approve the Wyoming State Fair and Rodeo Facility Fee Schedule effective 7/2016. The motion was seconded by Alison Lass. No discussion. All voted in favor. Motion carried.**

Public Comment

Dr. Bret Hess told the board that it is the 125th anniversary of the Wyoming Agricultural Experiment Station, and if the board members are able to attend any of the Field Day Events this summer, each location will be celebrating how many years they have been open. Cindy Weibel provided an update on the LEAD program. There being no additional business, the meeting was adjourned.

April 12, 2016

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

Water Quality

Justin Caudill provided information about the WACD statewide watershed and water quality program.

Justin Caudill provided information about the Sheridan County Conservation District 15-16 Sheridan County Septic Conversion Project. **Jim Rogers made a motion to approve the Sheridan County Conservation District 15-16 Sheridan County Septic Conversion Project Amendment and Extension Request, with the new Interim Report Due July 15, 2016 and the new Contract Ending Date and Final Report Due Date of June 30, 2017. The motion was seconded by Shaun Sims. No discussion. All voted in favor. Motion carried.**

Justin Caudill provided information about the South Big Horn Conservation District Continuation of Big Horn River & Tributaries Project. **Cameron Smith made a motion to accept the South Big Horn Conservation District Continuation of Big Horn River & Tributaries Interim Report. The motion was seconded by Alison Lass. No discussion All voted in favor. Motion carried.**

Justin Caudill provided information about the South Big Horn Conservation District Dry Creek Water Quality Enhancement BMP Project. **Alison Lass made a motion to accept the South Big Horn Conservation District Dry Creek Water Quality Enhancement BMP Interim Report. The motion was seconded by Jim Rogers. No discussion. All voted in favor. Motion carried.**

Justin Caudill provided information about the Lower Wind River Conservation District Poison Creek Project. **Jana Ginter made a motion to accept the Lower Wind River Conservation District Poison Creek Interim Report. The motion was seconded by Cameron Smith. No discussion. All voted in favor. Motion carried.**

Justin Caudill provided information about the Campbell County Conservation District Donkey/Stonepile Creeks Non-Point Source Project. **Cameron Smith made a motion to accept the Campbell County Conservation District Donkey/Stonepile Creeks Non-Point Source Interim Report. The motion was seconded by Amanda Hulet. No discussion. All voted in favor. Motion carried.**

Justin Caudill provided information about the Washakie County Conservation District Bighorn River-Slick Creek Watershed Implementation Program. **Alison Lass made a motion to approve the Washakie County Conservation District Bighorn River-Slick Creek Watershed Implementation Program Extension Request with the new Interim Report due October 15, 2016 and the new Contract Ending Date and Final Report Due Date of June 30, 2017. The motion was seconded by Cameron Smith. No discussion. All voted in favor. Motion carried.**

Justin Caudill provided information about the Natrona County Conservation District NPR Watershed Selenium Monitoring 2015-17 project. **Jim Rogers made a motion to accept the Natrona County Conservation District NRP Watershed Selenium Monitoring 2015-17 Interim Report. The motion was seconded by Jana Ginter. No discussion. All voted in favor. Motion carried.**

RHAP

Chris Wichmann and Justin Caudill provided information about the RHAP program. Justin Caudill provided information about the Lincoln County Conservation District Smithfork Allotment Rangeland Monitoring Project. Justin Caudill and Cathy Meyer of the Lower Wind River Conservation District provided information about the Lower Wind River Conservation District Sand Draw Monitoring Project. Justin Caudill and Bree Lind of the Sublette County Conservation District provided information on the Muddy Canyon Cooperative Monitoring Project.

Conservation District Appointments/Resignations

Jana Ginter made a motion to approve the appointment of Lionel Ostrander to the Meeteetse Conservation District. The motion was seconded by Kevin Schieffer. No discussion. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Department Updates

Hank Uhden provided an update to the board about: Agricultural Worker Protection Standards, Certification & Training of Applicators, and the Wyoming Bean Commission. Chris Wichmann provided an update about the Wild Horse Research Project. Ryan Nielson of West Environmental & Statistical Consultants provided information about the Abundance of Wild Horses in Central Wyoming Project. Michelle MacDonald provided an update on the APRGP Program.

Legislative Updates/Budget

Doug Miyamoto provided a legislative and budget update to the board.

Other Business

Jana Ginter made a motion that the format being used for the RHAP updates is acceptable. The motion was seconded by Cameron Smith. No discussion. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

There being no additional business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Kendall Roberts, President

Date