

RECORDING OF PROCEEDINGS

Wyoming Board of Agriculture
Wyoming State Fair-McKibben Cafeteria
400 W. Center
Douglas, WY
August 19, 2016

Present:

Richard Schlenker
Shaun Sims
Amanda Hulet
Cameron Smith
Jim Rogers
Kendall Roberts, President
Jana Ginter
Bryan Brost
Dr. Frank Galey
Doug Miyamoto, Director
Stacia Berry, Deputy Director

Absent:

Alison Lass
John Hansen
Kevin Schieffer
Nephi Cole

Staff:

Pam Bell
Justin Caudill
Chris Wichmann
Lucy Pauley
Justin Williams
Joe Budd
Julie Cook
Ted Craig
Derek Grant
Teresa Jarvis
Taylor Kirkbride (intern)
Gina Dickerson (intern)
Larissa Siirila (intern)
Slade Franklin

Guests: Brett Moline (WYFB), Gregor Goertz (FSA), Loren Heth, Joe Rankin (WSF Advisory Board), Aaron Clausen (WALC), Astrid Martinez (NRCS), Rachel McGee (USFS), Lisa Johnson (WBC), Joan McGraw (MBCD), Rhonda Brandt (USDA-NASS), Bobbie Frank (WACD), Abigail Boudewyns (AG), Jim Magagna (WSGA), Keith Kennedy (WWMC), Rod Litzel (JCWP)

The meeting was called to order by Kendall Roberts at 8:38 a.m. Roll was taken and a quorum was established.

Minutes

Shaun Sims made a motion to approve the minutes as amended. The motion was seconded by Jim Rogers. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

State Fair Advisory Board Update

Joe Ranking of the WY State Fair Advisory Board provided an update about the State Fair.

Budget Discussion

Julie Cook of the Wyoming Department of Agriculture provided information about the FY 17 budget for the Board of Agriculture. **Jana Ginter made a motion to approve the FY 17 budget for the Board of Agriculture. The motion was seconded by Amanda Hulet. No discussion. All voted in favor. Motion**

carried. Director Doug Miyamoto provided an update on recent budget cuts in the Wyoming Department of Agriculture.

Intern Reports

Taylor Kirkbride presented information about his internship with the Administration/Specialty Crop Division. Gina Dickerson presented information about her internship with the Mediation Program/Natural Resources & Policy Division. Larissa Siirila presented information about her internship with the Analytical Services Lab.

Livestock Board Update

Steve True provided an update about the Livestock Board, including budget cuts, brand inspectors, computer program, and a recent arrest. Dr. Jim Logan provided an update about animal health.

Conservation District Appointment/Resignation

Shaun Sims made a motion to approve the appointment of Merilee (Kathy) Gilbreath to the Meeteetse Conservation District. The motion was seconded by Jana Ginter. No discussion. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

APRGP Update

Chris Wichmann provided an update on the APRGP program, including the budget and project updates.

Water Quality Interim Reports & Extension Requests

Justin Caudill provided information about the Popo Agie Conservation District Middle Fork of the Popo Agie River Credible Data Collection & Implementation Project.

Justin Caudill provided information about the Star Valley Conservation District Salt River Watershed/Spring Creek & Grover Blaney Cattle Allotment 2015-16 Project. **Amanda Hulet made a motion to approve the Star Valley Conservation District Salt River Watershed/Spring Creek & Grover Blaney Cattle Allotment 2015-16 Interim Report and Extension and Amendment Request with the new Interim Report due October 31, 2016 and the new Contract Ending Date and Final Report due December 21, 2017. The motion was seconded by Cameron Smith. No discussion. All voted in favor. Motion carried.**

Water Quality Applications

Justin Caudill provided information about the Sheridan County Conservation District 17/18 Sheridan County Water Quality Improvements Project. **Jim Rogers made a motion to approve funding for the Sheridan County Conservation District 17/18 Sheridan County Water Quality Improvements Project in the amount of \$20,000 with Claimed In-kind/Match of \$11,802. The motion was seconded by Shaun Sims. No discussion. All voted in favor. Motion carried.**

Justin Caudill provided information about the Hot Springs Conservation District Kirby & Owl Creek BMP Assessment Grant Project. **Cameron Smith made a motion to approve funding for the Hot Springs Conservation District Kirby & Owl Creek BMP Assessment Grant project in the amount of \$17,104.50 with Claimed In-kind/Match of \$5,131. The motion was seconded by Bryan Brost. No discussion. All voted in favor. Motion carried.**

Justin Caudill provided information about the Medicine Bow Conservation District Little Medicine Bow River Sediment Impairment Implementation Project-Phase II. **Jim Rogers made a motion to approve funding for the Medicine Bow Conservation District Little Medicine Bow River Sediment Impairment Implementation Project-Phase II in the amount of \$18,724.50 with Claimed In-kind/Match of \$6,000. The motion was seconded by Amanda Hulet. No discussion. All voted in favor. Motion carried.**

Justin Caudill provided information about the Lower Wind River Conservation District Muddy Creek Watershed Project. This project was not recommended for funding at this time.

Justin Caudill provided information about the Star Valley Conservation District Salt River Watershed Best Management Practices Project. This project was not recommended for funding at this time.

Justin Caudill provided information about the Hot Springs Conservation District Red Lane Groundwater Study Project. This project was not recommended for funding at this time.

Justin Caudill provided information about the Campbell County Conservation District Donkey Creek Watershed Implementation Project. **Jana Ginter made a motion to approve funding for the Campbell County Conservation District Donkey Creek Watershed Implementation Project in the amount of \$20,000 with Claimed In-kind/Match of \$11,911.94. The motion was seconded by Shaun Sims. No discussion. All voted in favor. Motion carried.**

Justin Caudill provided information about the Popo Agie Conservation District Middle Fork of the Popo Agie Implementation & Education Project. **Cameron Smith made a motion to approve funding for the Popo Agie Conservation District Middle Fork of the Popo Agie Implementation & Education Project in the amount of \$19,999.39 with Claimed In-kind/Match of \$6,461.24. The motion was seconded by Amanda Hulet. No discussion. All voted in favor. Motion carried.**

Justin Caudill provided information about the Crook County Natural Resources District Belle Fourche River Watershed Improvement Implementation Plan: 2016-2018. **Shaun Sims made a motion to approve funding for the Crook County Natural Resources District Belle Fourche River Watershed Improvement Implementation Plan: 2016-2018 in the amount of \$20,000 with Claimed In-kind/Match of \$8,583. The motion was seconded by Cameron Smith. No discussion. All voted in favor. Motion carried.**

Justin Caudill provided information about the Lower Wind River Conservation District Poison Creek Project. **Amanda Hulet made a motion to approve funding for the Lower Wind River Conservation District Poison Creek Project in the amount of \$4,500 with Claimed In-kind/Match of \$1,346.85. The motion was seconded by Jana Ginter. 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 Water Quality Monitoring Project. **Jim Rogers made a motion to approve funding for the South Big Horn Conservation District Continuation of Big Horn River & Tributaries Water Quality Monitoring Project in the amount of \$19,671.88 with Claimed In-kind/Match of**

\$6,000.80. The motion was seconded by Cameron Smith. No discussion. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Justin Caudill provided information about the Lower Wind River Conservation District Ocean Lake Phase IV Project. **Jana Ginter made a motion to approve funding for the Lower Wind River Conservation District Ocean Lake Phase IV Project in the amount of \$20,000 with Claimed In-kind/Match of \$6,045.30. The motion was seconded by Jim Rogers. No discussion. All voted in favor. Motion carried.**

Justin Caudill provided information about the Sweetwater County Conservation District Bitter Creek Water Quality Sampling & Level I Watershed Public Participation & Awareness Project. **Shaun Sims made a motion to approve funding for the Sweetwater County Conservation District Bitter Creek Water Quality Sampling & Level I Watershed Public Participation & Awareness Project in the amount of \$20,000 with Claimed In-kind/Match of \$6,000. 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 WCCD WQ Monitoring & Rangeland Health Workshop Program Project. **Cameron Smith made a motion to approve funding for the Washakie County Conservation District WCCD WQ Monitoring & Rangeland Health Workshop Program Project in the amount of \$20,000 with Claimed In-kind/Match of \$16,635.67. The motion was seconded by Jim Rogers. No discussion. All voted in favor. Motion carried.**

RHAP Reports & Applications

Justin Caudill provided an update on the final report by the Sublette County Conservation District, and the update reports from the Sublette County Conservation District, Wyoming Military Department, Uinta County Conservation District, and the University of Wyoming.

Justin Caudill provided information about the Converse County Conservation District Thunder Basin National Grassland Effectiveness Monitoring Project. This project was not recommended for funding at this time.

Justin Caudill provided information about the Lincoln Conservation District Extended Rangeland Monitoring South LaBarge Common Project. **Shaun Sims made a motion to approve funding for the Lincoln Conservation District Extended Rangeland Monitoring South LaBarge Common Project in the amount of \$20,000 with a Claimed Match of \$9,229.60. The motion was seconded by Amanda Hulet. No discussion. All voted in favor. Motion carried.**

Justin Caudill provided information about the Lincoln Conservation District Indian Creek & Devil's Hole Allotment Rangeland/Watershed Monitoring & Health Assessment Project. **Cameron Smith made a motion to approve funding for the Lincoln Conservation District Indian Creek & Devil's Hole Allotment Rangeland/Watershed Monitoring & Health Assessment Project in the amount of \$19,960 with a Claimed Match of \$12,610. The motion was seconded by Jim Rogers. No discussion. All voted in favor. Motion carried.**

Justin Caudill provided information about the Lincoln Conservation District Lake Alice-Buckhorn Knoll-Smiths Fork-Porcupine Creek-Rangeland/Watershed Monitoring & Health Assessment Project. **Jim**

Rogers made a motion to approve funding for the Lincoln Conservation District Lake Alice-Buckhorn Knoll-Smiths Fork-Porcupine Creek-Rangeland/Watershed Monitoring & Health Assessment Project in the amount of \$19,960 with a Claimed Match of \$12,610. The motion was seconded by Shaun Sims. No discussion. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Justin Caudill provided information about the Medicine Bow Conservation District MBCD Monitoring Plan 2017-18. This project is not recommended for funding at this time.

Justin Caudill provided information about the Sublette County Conservation District Carnahan Cooperative Monitoring Project. **Jim Rogers made a motion to approve funding for the Sublette County Conservation District Carnahan Cooperative Monitoring Project in the amount of \$17,000 with a Claimed Match of \$9,028.04. The motion was seconded by Shaun Sims. No discussion. All voted in favor. Motion carried.**

Justin Caudill provided information about the Sublette County Conservation District North LaBarge Common Rangeland Health Initiative Project. **Shaun Sims made a motion to approve funding for the Sublette County Conservation District North LaBarge Common Rangeland Health Initiative Project in the amount of \$20,000 with a Claimed Match of \$17,704.48. The motion was seconded by Jana Ginter. No discussion. All voted in favor. Motion carried.**

Shaun Sims commented on how useful these RHAP projects are. Chris Wichmann gave an update on RHAP funding.

Wyoming Weed & Pest Council

Slade Franklin and Rod Litzel of the Johnson County Weed & Pest provided information about the rules and regulations for the Special Management Program. **Amanda Hulet made a motion to approve the Special Management Program draft as presented. The motion was seconded by Jim Rogers. No discussion. All voted in favor. Motion carried.**

Partner Organization Updates

Gregor Goertz of the Farm Service Agency provided an update on drought issues and staffing. Rhonda Brandt of NASS provided an update on data being collected around the state. Astrid Martinez of NRCS provided an update on several projects they are working on. Jim Magagna of Wyoming Stock Grower's provided an update on trespass laws, Sage Grouse, forest service, legislative issues, and Ag safety. Dr. Frank Galey of UW provided an update on budget cuts, labor rules, seed lab, and the 125th Anniversary of the Ag Experiment Station. Keith Kennedy of the Wyoming Wheat Marketing Commission provided an update. Lisa Johnson of the Wyoming Business Council provided an update.

Other Business

Shaun Sims gave an update about the Special District Task Force, and provided information about their upcoming meeting on September 9th, 2016, at the Oil & Gas Commission in Casper.

Public Comment

No public comment.

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There being no additional business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Kendall Roberts, President

Date