

RECORDING OF PROCEEDINGS

Wyoming Board of Agriculture
Wyoming Department of Agriculture
2219 Carey Avenue
Cheyenne, WY 82001
February 15, 2017

Present:

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

Staff:

Pam Bell
Michelle MacDonald
Slade Franklin
Justin Caudill

Absent:

Shaun Sims
Jana Ginter
Richard Schlenker
Dr. Frank Galey
Nephi Cole, Governor's Office

Guests: Cindy Weibel, Bobbie Frank (WACD), Scoff Zimmerman (RMFU), Amy Hendrickson (WWGA), Keith Kennedy (Agrimind), Ken Hamilton (WYFB), Jim Magagna (WSGA), Matt Withroder (WGFD), Jason Sherwood (WGFD), Troy Tobiasson (WGFD), Jim Cochran (LCCD), Rod Litzel (Johnson County Weed & Pest), Gale Lamb (Sweetwater County Weed & Pest)

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Kendall Roberts. Roll was taken and a quorum was established.

Minutes

John Hansen made a motion to approve the minutes from the December 5, 2016 meeting. The motion was seconded by Kevin Schieffer. No discussion. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Weed & Pest Council Resolutions

Slade Franklin provided information about the Weed & Pest Resolutions, and the difference between Designated and Declared Resolutions. Rod Litzel from the Johnson County Weed & Pest provided information as to why the Rocky Mountain Bee Plant was added as a Declared Weed. Gale Lamb from the Sweetwater Weed & Pest provided information as to why the Showy Milkweed was added as a Declared Weed. **Alison Lass made a motion to approve the following Declared Weeds: Sulphur Cinquefoil for Fremont County Weed & Pest Control District; Locoweed for Laramie County Weed & Pest Control District; Rocky Mountain Bee Plant, Moth Mullein, and Orange Hawkweed for Johnson**

County Weed & Pest Control District; Western Salsify & Cutleaf Viper Grass for Natrona County Weed & Pest Control District; Medusahead for Sheridan County Weed & Pest Control District; Bull Thistle, Curly Dock, Showy Milkweed & Curlycup gumweed for Sweetwater County Weed & Pest Control District. The motion was seconded by John Hansen. No discussion. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

NR&P Base Funding Extension Requests

Michelle MacDonald provided information about the Hot Springs Conservation District Long Range Plan Extension Request. **Jim Rogers made a motion to approve the Hot Springs Conservation District Long Range Plan Extension Request with the Deadline Extension to be March 31, 2017. The motion was seconded by Cameron Smith. No discussion. All voted in favor. Motion carried.**

Michelle MacDonald provided information about the North Platte Valley Conservation District Long Range Plan Extension Request. **Cameron Smith made a motion to approve the North Platte Valley Conservation District Long Range Plan Extension Request with the Deadline Extension to be March 31, 2017. The motion was seconded by Amanda Hulet. No discussion. All voted in favor. Motion carried.**

APRGP Update

Michelle MacDonald provided an update on the Agriculture Producer Research Grant (APRGP) projects, including 3 update reports.

Conservation District Resignations/Appointments

Cameron Smith made a motion to accept the resignation of Gerald Caskey as the Urban Supervisor for the Popo Agie Conservation District and to accept the appointment of Arlen Lancaster as the Urban Supervisor. The motion was seconded by Alison Lass. No discussion. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Jim Rogers made a motion to approve the appointment of Todd Bray as the Rural Supervisor for the Cody Conservation District. The motion was seconded by John Hansen. No discussion. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Jim Rogers made a motion to accept the resignation of Rick Patton as the Urban Supervisor for the Cody Conservation District and to accept the appointment of Bobbie Holder as the Urban Supervisor. The motion was seconded by Cameron Smith. No discussion. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Legislative Updates

Amy Hendrickson of Wyoming Wool Growers provided an update on the Budget Bill, Special Districts Task Force, and other bills they are tracking. Bobbie Frank of the Wyoming Association of Conservation Districts provided an update on a number of the bills they are tracking, including the Special Districts Task Force and Omnibus Water Bill Planning. Ken Hamilton of Farm Bureau Federation provided an update on HB 61, Food Freedom Amendments, and several other bills they are tracking. Scott Zimmerman of Rocky Mountain Farmers Union provided an update on SF 71 and several other bills. Jim Magagna of Wyoming Stock Growers Association provided an update on the Beef Check-Off Penalty-Repeal Bill, Farm Loan Program Amendments, and several other bills they are tracking. Keith Kennedy of Agrimind provided an update on the Bean Commission Terms, Farm Endorsement on Driver's Licenses, and other bills.

Game & Fish Access Recognition Program

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

Water Quality Reports

Justin Caudill from the Wyoming Department of Agriculture (WDA) provided information about the Sublette County CD Little Sandy Watershed Plan Project. **Jim Rogers made a motion to approve the Sublette County Conservation District Little Sandy Watershed Plan Interim Report. The motion was seconded by Kevin Schieffer. No discussion. All voted in favor. Motion carried.**

Justin Caudill (WDA) and Jim Cochran from the Laramie County CD provided information about the Laramie County CD Crow Creek Water Quality Monitoring & BMP Maintenance Project. **Cameron Smith made a motion to approve the Laramie County CD Crow Creek Water Quality Monitoring & BMP Maintenance Project Interim Report. The motion was seconded by Amanda Hulet. No discussion. All voted in favor. Motion carried.**

Justin Caudill (WDA) provided information about the Star Valley CD Salt River Watershed/Spring Creek and Grover-Blaney Cattle Allotment 2015-16 Project. **John Hansen made a motion to approve the Star Valley CD Salt River Watershed/Spring Creek and Grover-Blaney Cattle Allotment 2015-16 Interim Report. The motion was seconded by Cameron Smith. No discussion. All voted in favor. Motion carried.**

Justin Caudill provided information about the Popo Agie CD Middle Fork of the Popo Agie River Credible Data Collection & Implementation Project. **Kevin Schieffer made a motion to approve the Popo Agie CD Middle Fork of the Popo Agie River Credible Data Collection & Implementation Project 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 CD Muddy Creek Watershed Project. **Jim Rogers made a motion to approve the Lower Wind River CD Muddy Creek Watershed Project Interim Report. The motion was seconded by Amanda Hulet. No discussion. All voted in favor. Motion carried.**

Justin Caudill provided information about the South Big Horn CD Dry Creek Water Quality Enhancement BMP Project. **Cameron Smith made a motion to approve the South Big Horn CD Dry Creek Water Quality Enhancement BMP Final Report. The motion was seconded by John Hansen. Discussion about what will happen with the money that is being returned from this project. All voted in favor. Motion carried.**

Justin Caudill provided information about the Star Valley Conservation District Salt River Watershed/Grover-Blaney Cattle Allotment 2014-2016 Project. **John Hansen made a motion to approve the Star Valley Conservation District Salt River Watershed/Grover-Blaney Cattle Allotment 2014-2016 Final Report. The motion was seconded by Kevin Schieffer. No discussion. All voted in favor. Motion carried.**

Justin Caudill provided information about the Crook County Natural Resource District 2014-16 Belle-Fourche River Watershed Improvement Implementation Plan Project. **Jim Rogers made a motion to approve the Crook County Natural Resource District 2014-16 Belle-Fourche River Watershed Implementation Plan Project Final Report. The motion was seconded by Cameron Smith. No discussion. All voted in favor. Motion carried.**

RHAP Update

Justin Caudill provided an update on following projects: Wyoming Military Department-North Training Area, Wyoming Military Department-South Training Area, Teton Conservation District-Bridger-Teton National Forest Data Collection, Lower Wind River CD-Conant Creek Monitoring Project, Lower Wind River CD-Muskrat Open Project, Medicine Bow CD-MBCD Monitoring Reclamation Project, Popo Agie CD-Granite Mountain Open Allotment Cooperative Monitoring Program, Sublette County CD-Hoback C&H Allotment Cooperative Monitoring, Star Valley CD-Big Greys Allotment Rangeland Monitoring, and the Star Valley CD-Dry Creek & Strawberry Allotments Rangeland Monitoring.

Other Business

Amy Hendrickson of Wyoming Wool Growers provided information about a possible display in the Wyoming Territorial Prison about the Sheep Industry. Stacia Berry of the Wyoming Department of Agriculture (WDA) provided information about a proposal for the LEAD Program. Doug Miyamoto (WDA) provided information about possible changes affecting the Wyoming State Fair due to possible budget cuts.

Public Comment

No Public Comment

There being no additional business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Rogers, President

Date