

RECORDING OF PROCEEDINGS

Wyoming Board of Agriculture
Wyoming Department of Agriculture
2219 Carey Avenue
Cheyenne, WY
April 8-9, 2019

Present:

Amanda Hulet
Jim Rogers
Cameron Smith
Bryan Brost
Shaun Sims
Jana Ginter
Kendall Roberts
Mike Riley
Kelly Crane, University of Wyoming
Doug Miyamoto, Director
Stacia Berry, Deputy Director

Staff:

Pam Bell
Chris Wichmann
Joe Budd
Justin Williams
Kent Drake
Julie Cook
Justin Caudill
Slade Franklin

Absent:

John Hansen
Jared Boardman

Guests:

Pam Bridgeman, Ann Wittman, Bobbie Frank, Cindy Weibel, Jim Magagna, Tim McAteer, Kristin Tilley (SCD)

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m. Roll was taken and a quorum was established.

Election of New President & Vice President

Cameron Smith made a motion to nominate Shaun Sims as President, and the nomination was accepted. Jim Rogers made a motion to nominate Bryan Brost as Vice President, and the nomination was accepted. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes

Amanda Hulet made a motion to approve the February 13, 2019 minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Jana Ginter. No discussion. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Review Liaison Assignments

Jim Rogers made a motion to approve the 2019 Liaison Assignments with proposed changes. The motion was seconded by Amanda Hulet. No discussion. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Seed Lab Update

Pamela Bridgeman, seed lab manager, provided an update on the WY State Seed Lab. Jana Ginter made a motion to approve the new species price list. The motion was seconded by Cameron Smith. No

discussion. All voted in favor. Motion carried. Jana Ginter made a motion to approve the reappointment of Mike Foreman and Jake Jerrett to the SLAG board. The motion was seconded by Amanda Hulett. No discussion. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Department Updates

Kent Drake provided an update on personnel and hemp. Chris Wichmann provided an update on wild horses/burros, prairie dogs and bighorn sheep. Julie provided an update on the budget, staffing and the legislative session. Dale Heggem provided an update on a grain warehouse inspection issue. Ann Wittmann of the Wyoming Beef Council provided an update on some projects taking place in the next year, and a lawsuit.

Waters of the U.S. Update

Doug Miyamoto provided an update on Waters of the U.S.

Hemp Update

Derek Grant provided an update on the Hemp Program.

Public Comment

None.

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Weed & Pest Declared Resolutions

Slade provided information about the Weed & Pest Declared Resolutions and the Public Records Resolution. **Amanda Hulet made a motion to approve the Public Records Resolution. The motion was seconded by Jana Ginter. No discussion. All voted in favor. Motion carried. Amanda Hulet made a motion to add the Northern Pocket Gopher as a Declared Pest for the Converse County, Fremont County, Goshen County & Natrona County Weed & Pest; and the following to the Declared Weed List: Dame's Rocket-Fremont County, Marestail & Palmer amaranth-Goshen County, Hoary Alyssum-Johnson County, Horseweed, Hoary Alyssum & Dianthus armeria L.-Niobrara County, Avena Fatua-Sweetwater County. The motion was seconded by Jim Hodder. No discussion. All voted in favor. Motion carried.**

Water Quality

Justin Caudill provided information about the Hot Springs Conservation District Kirby and Owl Creek BMP Assessment Grant Project. **Jim Rogers made a motion to approve the Hot Springs Conservation District Kirby and Owl Creek BMP Assessment Grant Project Interim Report. The motion was seconded by Amanda Hulet. No discussion. All voted in favor. Motion carried.**

Justin Caudill provided information about the Sheridan County Conservation District 2019-2020 Sheridan County Water Quality Improvements Project. **Amanda Hulet made a motion to approve the Sheridan County Conservation District 2019-2020 Sheridan County Water Quality Improvement Project Interim Report. 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 2017-19 Project Extension Request. **Jana Ginter made a motion to approve the Natrona County Conservation District NPR Monitoring 2017-19 Extension Request. The motion was seconded by Amanda Hulet. No discussion. All voted in favor. Motion carried.**

RHAP

Justin Caudill provided information about the Rangeland Health Assessment Project (RHAP) Grants. Justin Caudill provided information about the Meeteetse Conservation District Hat 3 Rangeland Monitoring Project. **Jim Rogers made a motion to approve the Meeteetse Conservation District Hat 3 Rangeland Monitoring Project in the amount of \$7,200 with Claimed In-kind/Match of \$5,300. The motion was seconded by Amanda Hulet. No discussion. All voted in favor. Motion carried.**

Justin Caudill provided information about the South Big Horn Conservation District 7K Ranch Rangeland Monitoring –South Tatman & Forest Service Project. **Cameron Smith made a motion to approve the South Big Horn Conservation District 7K Ranch Rangeland Monitoring-South Tatman & Forest Service Project in the amount of \$17,637 with Claimed In-kind/Match of \$10,497. 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 7K Ranch Rangeland Monitoring Project. **Jana Ginter made a motion to approve the South Big Horn Conservation District 7K Ranch Rangeland Monitoring Project in the amount of \$8,504 with Claimed In-kind/Match of \$6,299. The motion was seconded by Amanda Hulet. No discussion. All voted in favor. Motion carried.**

Justin Caudill provided information about the Sublette County Conservation District North La Barge Common Rangeland Health Initiative-Phase 2 Project. **Jim Rogers made a motion to approve the Sublette County Conservation District North La Barge Common Rangeland Health Initiative-Phase 2 Project in the amount of \$20,000, with Claimed In-kind/Match of \$8,651.60. The motion was seconded by Cameron Smith. No discussion. All voted in favor. Motion carried.**

Justin Caudill and Kristin Tilley with Shoshone Conservation District provided information about the Shoshone Conservation District Stateline Allotment Cooperative Rangeland Monitoring Project. **Cameron Smith made a motion to approve the Shoshone Conservation District-Stateline Allotment Cooperative Rangeland Monitoring Project in the amount of \$20,000 with Claimed In-kind/Match of \$7,665, contingent upon receiving the BLM Partnership agreements within 45 days. The motion was seconded by Jim Rogers. No discussion. All voted in favor. Motion carried.**

Justin Caudill provided information about the Star Valley Conservation District Blind Bull-Deadman-Grizzly Basin-Rangeland/Watershed Monitoring & Health Assessment Project. **Amanda Hulet made a motion to approve the Star Valley Conservation District Blind Bull-Deadman-Grizzly Basin-Rangeland/Watershed Monitoring & Health Assessment Project in the amount of \$20,000 with Claimed In-kind/Match of \$10,090. The motion was seconded by Jim Rogers. No discussion. All voted in favor. Motion carried.**

Justin Caudill provided information about the Star Valley Conservation District Steward Creek-Blind Trail-Rangeland/Watershed Monitoring Project. **Jim Rogers made a motion to draft a letter stating that the**

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Board of Agriculture supports the reissuing of Term Grazing Permits to take place as soon as possible. The motion was seconded by Bryan Brost. No discussion. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Justin Caudill provided information about the Teton Conservation District North Zone Bridger-Teton National Forest Rangeland Monitoring Project. **Jim Rogers made a motion to approve the Teton Conservation District North Zone Bridger-Teton National Forest Rangeland Monitoring Project in the amount of \$20,000 with Claimed In-kind/Match of \$21,632. The motion was seconded by Cameron Smith. All voted in favor. No discussion. All voted in favor. Motion carried.**

Conservation District Resignations/Appointments

Jim Rogers made a motion to approve the appointment of Shawn Shepperson as the At-Large Supervisor of the Meeteetse Conservation District. The motion was seconded by Amanda Hulet. No discussion. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Interim Study Topics

Doug Miyamoto and Kent Drake spoke about the Joint Ag Interim study topics: UW College of Agriculture- including Extension and Experiment Stations; Commodity Groups; ADMB; State land appraisals and land swaps; and Invasive Species, mainly weed species and mussels.

Other Business-As needed

Update from Jim Magagna (WSGA) about marketing, the interim study on the UW College of Ag, and other issues they are working on. Cindy Weibel let the board know they are recruiting for the next L.E.A.D Program class. Ann Wittman (WBC) let the board know that she is excited that the Wyoming Beef Council will be part of the interim study.

Public Comment

None.

There being no additional business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Shaun Sims, President

Date