

RECORDING OF PROCEEDINGS

Wyoming Board of Agriculture
October 12, 2011
Hilton Gardens, Laramie, Wyoming

Present: Shaun Sims, President
John Hansen, Vice President
Jana Ginter
John Moore
Alison Lass
Bryan Brost
Patrick Zimmerer
Jason Fearnyhough, Director

Staff: Doug Miyamoto, Deputy Director
Muff Parker, Recording Secretary

Absent: Jim Price, Jr.
Jim Hodder
Frank Galey, UW Dean of the College of Ag and Natural Resources
Governor's Office

Agenda

Shaun would like to make time for Xavier.

Letter of resignation from Bridget Williams

Alison Lass made a motion to accept the resignation. The motion was seconded by Jana Ginter. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Appointment of New Budget Officer

Bryan Brost made a motion to appoint Alison Lass to the position of Budget Officer. The motion was seconded by Jana Ginter. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Minutes

Jana Ginter made a motion to approve the minutes from August 19. The motion was seconded by John Hansen. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Alison Lass made a motion to approve the September 7 minutes. The motion was seconded by John Moore. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

CD Business

Lincoln County

Jana Ginter made a motion to accept the resignation of Shirley Ulrich and appoint Paul Clark to the At-large position on the Board of Supervisors until the next general election. The motion was seconded by John Hansen. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Jana Ginter made a motion to accept the resignation of Barbara Aimone and appoint Paula Bowling to the Urban position on the Board of Supervisors until the next general election. The motion was seconded by John Hansen. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Sublette County

Patrick Zimmerer made a motion to accept the resignation of Dan Stroud and appoint David Pape to the At-large position on the Board of Supervisors until the next general election. The motion was seconded by Bryan Brost. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

South Big Horn

Patrick Zimmerer made a motion to accept the final report for their Stream Reclassification Project with the requirement that a report be given to the Board at the November 8 meeting, as to the outcome of the project. The motion was seconded by Alison Lass. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Living Legacy

Jana Ginter made a motion to raise the price of a tree purchase to \$500.00. The motion was seconded by John Hansen. Discussion pursued. The motion was withdrawn by Jana due to the lack of information available as to the total cost of expenditures. The motion was tabled until the November 8 meeting when a budget and report will be presented.

Issues and Updates from Members

Bryan Brost attended the local County Farm Bureau meeting.

Alison Lass attended the meeting in Meeteetse on the Black Footed Ferret.

Shaun Sims traveled to Taos NM with NRCS for the NACD regional meetings.

Jason reported the NPDES rules are not going to have a stay this October like originally thought. The permits will be coming. A wild horse meeting is scheduled for the 13th. Chris Wichmann is planning on attending. A gather is going on in SW WY. The group is working with Attorney General and the Governor's Office on the consent decree. According to a study done, there will be eight places where BLM will be out of compliance with the decree by December. BLM has been working very hard to bring the numbers down to AMLs. They are agreeable to extend the consent decree. He is also working on Green Mountain where he hopes to have a meeting with permittees and BLM. Last week a Sage Grouse award was given to the working group by the Sec. of Interior for Wyoming for their hard work. The Gunnison sage grouse is going to be listed. Wyoming is in much better shape than Colorado.

Doug reported the Weights and Measures Lab is scheduled to open in January.

There has been nothing new on the horse slaughter facilities. Sue Wallis told Shaun Sims they were working in Washington to keep the rider off the bill which does not allow USDA funding or USDA personnel to do inspections of horses to be slaughtered.

The environmental groups have been using the Equal Access to Justice Act to fund litigation on various issues. There is research on-going as to the amount abused. Representative Lummis is working on this in DC.

Delisting of wolves. Doug talked about the structure of the difference between trophy game and predator status of the wolves. The ADMB will be taking on any conflicts with livestock and are working with Game and Fish on the numbers being taken so Wyoming doesn't fall below the threshold. The problem is that is difficult to keep track of numbers in the state that are not in the trophy area.

Todd Ballard said January sheep survey is being cut due to budget restraints by NASS. Todd is hoping that the 5 states that have done the survey in January will put enough pressure to get this survey to continue.

There are thirteen projects slated for the next 206,000 specialty crop grant. There has been \$960,000 and 42 projects in the last few years.

There being no additional business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Shaun Sims, President

Date