

RECORDING OF PROCEEDINGS

Wyoming Board of Agriculture
February 18-19, 2014
Department of Agriculture Conference Room
Cheyenne, Wyoming

February 18, 2014

Present:	Patrick Zimmerer, President	Staff:	Pam Bell
	Alison Lass, Vice President		Mandy Gershmel
	Jim Price		Chris Wichmann
	Jim Hodder		Justin Caudill
	Jana Ginter		Julie Cook
	John Hansen		Joe Budd
	John Moore		Justin Williams
	Shaun Sims		James Goodrich
	Bryan Brost		Slade Franklin
	Cameron Smith		
	Jason Fearneyhough		
Absent:	Richard Schlenker		
	Dr. Galey		

Guests: Jim Cochran, Matt Whithroder , Andy Countryman, Dan Smith, Jason Sherwood, Bobbie Frank, Jim Magagna, Jim Wilson, Niels Hansen, Bryce Reece, Joe Rankin, Amy Hendrickson, Ken Hamilton, Brenda Ashworth, Karen Pacheny, Tim Morrison, Dawn Arnell , Carrie Rogaczewski, Robb Sgroi, Kerri Sabey, Amy Cameron, Cathy Meyer, Jerry Trebelcock , Sarah Ingerson, Kristi Hansen, Jay Norton, Robin Goose, Alex Kesters, John Henn, Melanie Purcell, Noah Hall, Bryan Lee, Myrna Miller, Milton Geiger, Keith Kennedy

Called to order by President Zimmerer at 1:03 p.m. Roll was taken, and a quorum was established.

Minutes

Shaun Sims made a motion to approve the minutes from the January 14, 2014 conference call. The motion was seconded by Alison Lass. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Game and Fish Landowners Program

Board members broke into groups to discuss nominees for the Game and Fish Landowners Program, based upon the Board Members region.

Long Range Plan Extension

Chris Wichmann presented information regarding the extension request to March 31st, 2014. **Shaun Sims made a motion to approve the Sublette County Conservation District's Long Range Plan Extension Request. The motion was seconded by Jim Price. All voted in favor. Motion carried.**

Jim Cochran presented information regarding the Laramie County Conservation District extension request to December 31st, 2014. **Alison Lass made a motion to approve the Laramie County Conservation District's Long Range Plan Extension Request. The motion was seconded by Cameron Smith. All voted in favor. Motion carried.**

WDA Request of Cody Conservation for Qualification of Base Funding Allocation

Chris Wichmann presented information regarding the extension request to May 31st, 2014. **Cameron Smith made a motion to approve the Cody Conservation District Budget and Budget Notice Extension Request. The motion was seconded by John Hansen. All voted in favor. Motion carried.**

Legislative Update and WDA Update

Jason Fearneyhough presented information about the Legislature as well as information regarding Pest Control, pine beetles, industrial grade hemp, Animal Damage Management Board, wild horses and the Farm Bill. Julie Cook presented information regarding the exception budget. Chris presented information regarding the Lander RMP.

John Hansen made a motion to adjourn for the evening. The motion was seconded by Jana Ginter. All voted in favor. Motion carried at 3:48 p.m.

February 19, 2014

Called to order by President Zimmerer at 8:05 a.m.

Roll call was taken and a quorum was established

Agriculture Producer Research Grant Program (APRGP)

Chris Wichmann presented information regarding the Ladder Ranch project. Alexandria Kesterson presented information about the Evaluation of the Role of Cell-Mediated Immunity project. Melanie Purcell presented information regarding the Sublette County Conservation District Developing Pilot Transactions. Noah Hall presented information presented information about the University of Wyoming (UW) Development of Validation of a Polymerase project. Bryan Lee presented information about the UW Wyoming Wheat Variety Trial Selection project. Myrna Miller presented information about the UW Economic Benefit and Costs of Vaccination project. Jay Norton presented information regarding the UW Soil, Health, Water Use and Fertilizer project. Milton Geiger presented information about the UW Assessing the Effectiveness of Solar-Wind project. Robin Goose presented information about the UW Wyoming Production of Locally-Bred Winter Pea project. Keith Kennedy presented information about the Wheat Weather Monitoring project.

Alison Lass made a motion to fund the following projects: UW Reducing Direct Harvest Losses for \$15,400; UW Soil Health, Water Use and Fertilizer for \$20,000; UW Development and Validation of a Polymerase for \$20,000; Evaluation of the Role of Cell-Mediated Immunity \$19,000; UW Wyoming Production of Locally-Bred Winter Pea for \$20,000; UW Economic Benefit and Costs of Vaccinating & WWMC Wheat Weather Monitoring to split the remaining funds and receive \$13,044 each.

Discussion: Keith Kennedy is suggesting that \$12,000 would be adequate for his project because they cannot fund half a station and they would be returning some of the funds. He recommended moving \$1,044 to Danelle Peck's project.

Shaun Sims made a motion to amend the dollar amounts of the motion from \$13,034 to \$12,000 for the Wheat project and \$14,068 to the Vaccinating project. The motion was seconded by Cameron Smith. No discussion on the amendment to the motion. All voted in favor. Amendment passed.

Proceed to vote on the main motion. All voted in favor. No discussion. Motion carried.

Keith Kennedy provided an update on the Wyoming Wheat Marketing Commission regarding the Wind River Reservation, Data Trespass Bill and Aerial Surveillance Bill.

John Henn provided an update on the WY AgriBusiness Division with the Business Council regarding the source/age verification claims and sustainability in cattle ranching.

Rangeland Health Assessment Program (RHAP) Applications

Chris Wichmann presented a budget and background update to the RHAP Applications for Sublette County and Lincoln County. Cathy Meyer presented information regarding the Lower Wind River Conservation District. Dawn Arnell presented information about the Little Snake River Conservation District. Carrie Rogaczewski presented information about the Sheridan County Conservation District.

Cameron Smith made a motion to accept the 3 recommended projects: Lower Wind River Conservation District Sand Draw Monitoring Project, Meeteetse Conservation District Turnell Cattle Co. Rangeland Monitoring Project for the full amounts and Little Snake River & Sweetwater Conservation District Adobe Town/Salt Wells HMA Project for the remaining amount of \$11,535.26. The motion was seconded by John Hansen. No discussion. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

RHAP Extensions & Reports

Brenda Ashworth presented information regarding the Star Valley Forrest Dell Extension Report. **John Hansen made a motion to accept the district report Sheridan County. The motion was seconded by Shaun Sims. No discussion. All voted in favor. Motion carried.**

Weed and Pest Resolution

Slade Franklin provided an update on the following Weed and Pest Resolutions for Declared Weeds. Sheridan County wants to add Common Lambsquarters. Hot Springs County wants to add Bull Thistle, Black Henbane, and Curlycup Gumweed. Goshen County wants to add Wild Licorice. Teton County wants to add Water Hyacinth, Curly Leaf Pondweed, Tall Buttercup, Baby's Breath, Cheatgrass/Downy Brome.

John Hansen made a motion to accept the resolutions as stated. The motion was seconded by Alison Lass. No discussion. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Shaun Sims made a motion for Slade to draft a letter to the Weed and Pest Council to add Black Henbane to the state list. The motion was seconded by Jana Ginter. No discussion. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

There was a brief discussion by the board regarding the raven/predatory problem in Sweetwater County.

RHAP Extensions & Reports

Jim Cochran presented information about the Laramie County Conservation District Report. **Alison Lass made a motion to accept the Laramie County Conservation District Pole Mountain Robel Pole Project report. The motion was seconded by John Hansen. No discussion. All voted in favor. Motion carried.**

Brenda Ashworth presented information about the Star Valle Forrest Dell Extension Request. **Jim Price made a motion to accept the Star Valley Conservation District Forest Dell & Grover Blaney Allotment Extension and the Star Valley Conservation District Spring Creek & Little Greys Allotment Extension to November 30, 2014. The motion was seconded by John Hansen. No discussion. All voted in favor. Motion carried.**

Cameron Smith made a motion to accept the University of Wyoming Bighorn Project Update Report. The motion was seconded by John Hansen. No discussion. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Robb Sgroi presented information about the Teton County Conservation District Report. **Shaun Sims made a motion to accept the Teton Conservation District Bridger Teton National Forest RM Project update. The motion was seconded by Alison Lass. No discussion. All voted in favor. Motion carried.**

Amy Cameron presented information about the La Barge Final Report. **John Hansen made a motion to accept the Lincoln County Conservation District LaBarge Creek Allotment Range Monitoring Final Report. The motion was seconded by Jana Ginter. No discussion. All voted in favor. Motion carried.**

Amy Cameron presented information about the Little Hornet Final Report. **Jim Price made a motion to accept the Lincoln County Conservation District Little Hornet/Fontenelle Allotment Rangeland M Final Report. The motion was seconded by John Hansen. No discussion. All voted in favor. Motion carried.**

Chris Wichmann presented information about the Smithfork Allotment Update Report. **Alison Lass made a motion to accept the Lincoln County Conservation District Smithfork Allotment Update Report. The motion was seconded by John Hansen. No discussion. All voted in favor. Motion carried.**

Cathy Meyer presented information about the Lower Wind River Defelder Shoshoni Update Report. **Jim Hodder made a motion to accept the Lower Wind River Conservation District Delfelder and Shoshoni Road Monitoring Project Update Report. The motion was seconded by John Hansen. No discussion. All voted in favor. Motion carried.**

Chris Wichmann presented information about the Sublette County Conservation District Update Report. **Cameron Smith made a motion to accept Sublette County Conservation District Prospect Mountain Cooperative Monitoring Update Report. The motion was seconded by Bryan Brost. No discussion. All voted in favor. Motion carried.**

Chris Wichmann presented information about the Hot Springs Conservation District Hillberry Ranches Update Report. **John Hansen made a motion to accept the Hot Springs Conservation District Hillberry Ranches Update Report. The motion was seconded by Alison Lass. No Discussion. All voted in favor. Motion carried.**

Jerry Trebelcock presented information about the Granite Mountain Allotment Update Report. **John Hansen made a motion to accept the Popo Agie Conservation District Granite Mountain Allotment Update Report. The motion was seconded by Jim Hodder. No discussion. All voted in favor. Motion carried.**

Jerry Trebelcock presented information about the Silver Creek Interim Report. **Shaun Sims made a motion to accept the Popo Agie Conservation District Silver Creek Interim Report. The motion was seconded by Jim Price. No discussion. All voted in favor. Motion carried.**

Chris Wichmann presented information about the Washakie County Conservation District Orchard Ranch Land Monitoring Final Report. **Cameron Smith made a motion to accept the Washakie County Conservation District Orchard Ranch Land Monitoring Final Report. The motion was seconded by Jim Price. No discussion. All voted in favor. Motion carried.**

Kerri Sabey presented information about the Uinta County Commissioners East Fork /Smiths Fork & Gilbert Creek A.R.M. Interim Report. **Jim Hodder made a motion to accept the Uinta County Commissioners East Fork/Smiths Fork Gilbert Interim Report. The motion was seconded by Shaun Sims. No discussion. All voted in favor. Motion carried.**

Water Quality Reports

Cathy Meyer presented information about the Ocean Lake Phase II and Ocean Lake Wetlands Interim Report. **Shaun Sims made a motion to accept Lower Wind River Conservation District Ocean Lake Phase II Extension Request and Ocean Lake Wetlands Interim Report. The motion was seconded by Cameron Smith. No discussion. All voted in favor. Motion carried.**

Dawn Arnell presented information about the Little Snake River Conservation District Savery Creek Final Report. **Jim Hodder made a motion to request additional information in regards to the final report. The motion was seconded by Alison Lass. Chris Wichmann requested a deadline. Jim Hodder amended his motion to add the deadline for their April, 2014 meeting. Jana Ginter seconded the amendment to the motion. All voted in favor. Motion carried.**

John Hansen made a motion to accept the South Goshen Conservation District Interim Report. The motion was seconded by Jim Price. No discussion. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Carrie Rogaczewski presented information about the Sheridan County Water Quality Improvements Interim Report. **Alison Lass made a motion to accept the Sheridan County Conservation District Sheridan County Water Quality Improvements Interim Report. The motion was seconded by Jana Ginter. No discussion. All voted in favor. Motion carried.**

Carrie Rogaczewski presented information about the Tongue River & Goose Creek Project Extension Request. **Cameron Smith made a motion to accept the Sheridan County Conservation District Tongue River & Goose Creek Watersheds Stream Rehabilitation and Diversion Project Extension Request. The motion was seconded by John Hansen. No discussion. All voted in favor. Motion carried.**

Jim Hodder made a motion to accept the Sheridan County Conservation District Tongue River & Goose Creek Watersheds Stream Rehabilitation and Diversion Project Update Report. The motion was seconded by John Hansen. No discussion. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Jana Ginter made a motion to accept the Star Valley Conservation District Salt River Watershed/Little Greys Interim Report. The motion was seconded by Cameron Smith. No discussion. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Brenda Ashworth presented information about the Septic System Education and Cost Share Program Interim Report. **Alison Lass made a motion to accept the Star Valley Conservation District Septic system Education and Cost Share Program Interim Report. The motion was seconded by John Hansen. No discussion. 8 voted in favor, 1 opposed. Motion carried.**

Sarah Ingerson presented information about the Crook County Natural Resource District Interim Report. **Jim Hodder made a motion to accept the Crook County Natural Resources District Belle Fourche River Watershed Improvement Implementation Plan Interim Report. The motion was seconded by John Hansen. No discussion. All voted in favor. Motion carried.**

Jim Cochran presented information about the Laramie County Conservation District Interim Report. **Shaun Sims made a motion to accept the Laramie County Conservation District Upper Crow Creek Water Quality Monitoring & BMP Implementation and Maintenance Interim Report. The motion was seconded by John Hansen. No discussion. All voted in favor. Motion carried.**

Cameron Smith made a motion to accept the Popo Agie Conservation District Middle Fork of the Popo Agie River Planning & Assessment Project Interim Report. The motion was seconded by John Hansen. No discussion. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

John Hansen made a motion to accept the Sublette County Conservation District Little Sandy River Monitoring Project Interim Report. The motion was seconded by Cameron Smith. No discussion. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Karen Pecheny presented information about the Sweetwater County Conservation District Interim Report. **Jim Hodder made a motion to accept the Sweetwater County Conservation District Bitter/Killpecker Creek Sampling & Analysis for TMDL Prep. & Assessment Project Interim Report. The motion was seconded by Jim Price. No discussion. All voted in favor. Motion carried.**

Jana Ginter made a motion to accept the Natrona County Conservation District Middle North Platte Watershed Selenium Monitoring Project Interim Report. The motion was seconded by John Hansen. No discussion. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Chris Wichmann presented information about the Small Acreage Demonstration Project. **John Hansen made a motion to accept the Natrona County Conservation District Small Acreage Demonstration Interim Report. The motion was seconded by Jim Price. No discussion. All voted in favor. Motion carried.**

Tim Morrison presented information about the Campbell County Conservation District Interim Report. **John Moore made a motion to accept the Campbell County Conservation District Powder & Belle Fourche Rivers Watersheds Monitoring Project Interim Report. The motion was seconded by Cameron Smith. No discussion. All voted in favor. Motion carried.**

Bryce Reece gave an update on the Fontenelle Water Project.

James Goodrich gave an update about the State Fair. He presented information regarding the grounds, new sign, tree removal, Living Legacy Program, log-scale house, funding for hard service flooring for the Livestock Show and Pavilion, press releases on fair entertainment.

Joe Rankin, State Fair Advisory Board, presented information about the campground, northeast corner of fairgrounds, and the hospitality room.

Amy Wallop Hendrickson, Wyoming Wool Growers Association, presented information on the big horn sheep and domestic sheep lawsuit, project to promote Wyoming wool & the rich history of sheep ranching, and concerns for PPV.

Jim Magagna, Wyoming Stock Growers Association, presented information about several bills they are supporting and introduced Jim Wilson and Niels Hansen.

Ken Hamilton, Wyoming Farm Bureau Federation, presented information about several bills they are supporting.

Bobbie Frank, Wyoming Association of Conservation District presented information about several bills they are supporting, the Pathway to Water Quality Project, and said thank you to those that participated in the Living Legacy Program.

Cameron Smith made a motion to have Jason look into attendance policy and requirements for board members. The motion was seconded by John Hansen. No discussion. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

There being no additional business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Patrick Zimmerer, President

Date