

RECORDING OF PROCEEDINGS

Wyoming Board of Agriculture
April 14-15, 2014
Department of Agriculture Conference Room
Cheyenne, WY

Present:

Alison Lass, President
Cameron Smith, Vice President
Bryan Brost
Jana Ginter
John Hansen
Jim Hodder (April 15)
Richard Schlenker
Shaun Sims
Kendall Roberts
Nephi Cole
Jason Fearneyhough

Staff:

Pam Bell
Chris Wichmann
Joe Budd
Justin Williams
Lucy Pauley
Hank Uhden
Justin Caudill

Absent:

John Moore
Jim Price
Frank Galey

Guests: Ann Wittmann, John Henn, Jessie Dafoe, Bobbie Frank, Denny Hall, Jessica Crowder, Amy Wallop Hendrickson, Kelli Griffith, Cathy Meyer

April 14, 2014

Called to order by Alison Lass at 1:11 p.m. Roll was taken, and a quorum was established.

Introduction of New Board Members

Jason Fearneyhough introduced the new board member, Kendall Roberts, and she provided information about herself.

Election of new President and Vice President

Shaun Sims nominated Alison Lass as President. Alison accepted the nomination. Cameron Smith seconded the nomination. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Alison made a motion to nominate Cameron Smith as Vice President. Cameron Smith accepted the nomination. John Hansen seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Minutes

Shaun Sims made a motion to approve the minutes from the February 18-19, 2014 meeting. John Hansen seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Review of Policy Book

Shaun Sims made a motion to table the review of the policy book until the next day. Richard Schlenker seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Shaun Sims gave an update on Forest Service sheep allotments and the removal of sheep from the forest. Jason Fearneyhough provided information about the Big Horn Domestic Sheep working group.

Beef Council

Ann Wittmann provided information about the strategic plan of the Beef Council, and the in-state check off.

Ag in the Classroom

Jessie Dafoe provided information about Ag in the Classroom training for teachers, and upcoming events.

Department Updates

Chris Wichmann, Joe Budd, and Justin Williams provided an update on the Western States Natural Resources meeting, regarding the BLM and Forest Service.

Lucy Pauley provided an update on the mediation board and their technical review process.

Lab Operations

Denny Hall provided an update on the seed lab. **Shaun Sims made a motion to accept the addition of the attached listing of new species as presented. John Hansen seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion passed.**

Tech Services Division Report

Hank Uhden provided information about the Pesticide Program/Worker Protection Standards, Pollinator Protection, and the use of pesticides in Indian Country. **John Hansen made a motion to approve the Black Henbane letter. Cameron Smith seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion carried.**

Public Comment

Bobbie Frank provided information about the State Fair workday taking place on April 22, 2014. Jason Fearneyhough provided information about other possible workdays and other items that need to be taken care of for State Fair.

Cameron Smith made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 4:18 p.m. Jane Ginter seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

April 15, 2014

Called to order by President Lass at 8:32 a.m.

Roll was taken and a quorum was established.

NR&P

Jim Hodder made a motion to accept the resignation of Supervisor Larry Hodgson from the Star Valley Conservation District and the appointment of Jeff Johnson. Shaun Sims seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

RHAP Reports and Extension Requests

Chris Wichmann provided an update on the Cody Conservation District.

Justin Caudill provided information about the Hot Springs Conservation District. **Cameron Smith made a motion to accept the Hot Springs Conservation District Hillberry Ranches Rangeland Monitoring Extension Request with the contract to expire December 31, 2016 and the final report due January 31, 2017. John Hansen seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion carried.**

John Hansen made a motion to accept the Hot Springs Conservation District Kirby & Owl Creek Assessment Project Extension Request with the contract to expire July 31, 2016, additional interim reports due November 30, 2014 and November 30, 2015, and the final report due July 31, 2016. Kendall Roberts seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Cathy Meyer provided information about the Lower Wind River Watershed Plan Implementation. **Shaun Sims made a motion to accept the Lower Wind River Watershed Plan Implementation Final Report. Jana Ginter seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion passed.**

Justin Caudill provided an update on the Little Snake River Conservation District's matching/in-kind dollar amounts, as requested by the board members at the February 18-19, 2014 board meeting. Chris Wichmann provided information about the Rangeland Health Assessment Program.

Mountain Plains Update

Kelli Griffith provided information about the H2A program and immigration reform.

Introduction of State Chemist

Jason Fearneyhough introduced Teresa Jarvis. Teresa provided information about what is going on at the Analytical Services Lab at this time. **Shaun Sims made a motion to appoint Teresa Jarvis to the State Chemist position. Jana Ginter seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion carried.**

Board of Ag Policy Book

Jason Fearneyhough went through the policy book with the board members. Any corrections, changes, or additions will be reviewed and voted on at the next board meeting.

Liaison Assignments

Alison Lass went through and updated assignments. (See attachment)

Review Meeting Dates

Board members reviewed the meeting dates for the remainder of the year. **Shaun Sims proposed a May meeting to tour the seed lab in Powell. Jana Ginter seconded it.**

State Fair Update

Jason Fearneyhough and Alison Lass presented information about a long term strategic plan for the State Fair. April 22, 2014 is the Living Legacy work day to plant trees.

Public Comment

Nephi Cole provided information about upcoming meetings. He thanked the Board and the Department of Agriculture for their service.

There being no additional business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Alison Lass, President

Date