

RECORDING OF PROCEEDINGS

Wyoming Board of Agriculture
January 28, 2016
Wyoming Department of Agriculture Conference Room
Cheyenne, WY

Present:

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

Staff:

Pam Bell
Justin Caudill
Michelle MacDonald
Chris Wichmann

Absent:

Kendall Roberts
Shaun Sims
Richard Schlenker
Dr. Frank Galey
Nephi Cole-Governor Mead's office

Guests: Matt Ley (LCCD), Astrid Martinez (NCRS), Bobbie Frank (WACD), Cindy Weibel, Todd Graus, Jason Sherwood (WGFD), Matt Withroder (WGFD), Dan Smith (WGFD), Troy Tobiasson (WGFD), Cathy Meyer, Lisa Johnson, Abigail Boudewyns, Carmen Horne-McIntye, Bridger Feuz

Called to order by Cameron Smith at 11:03 a.m. Roll was taken and a quorum was established.

Minutes

Jim Rogers made a motion to approve the minutes from the November 12, 2015 meeting. The motion was seconded by Kevin Schieffer. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Water Quality

Justin Caudill provided information about the Sheridan County CD 2015-16 Septic Conversion Project, Powell Clarks Fork CD Bitter Creek/Shoshone River WPI Project, Star Valley CD Salt River Watershed/Grover-Blaney Cattle Allotment Project, and Sublette County CD Little Sandy Watershed Plan Project. Justin Caudill and Matt Ley of the Laramie County Conservation District provided information about the Laramie County CD Crow Creek Water Quality Project. Justin Caudill and Cathy Meyer from the Lower Wind River CD provided information about the Lower Wind River CD Muddy Creek Watershed Project and the Ocean Lake Phase III Project. Justin Caudill provided information about the Hot Springs CD Kirby & Owl Creek Project. Justin Caudill and Carmen Horne McIntye of the Crook County CD provided information about the 2014-2016 Belle Fourche River Watershed Project. **Alison Lass made a motion to approve the interim reports for the following projects: Sheridan County CD 2015-16 Septic Conversion Project, Powell Clarks Fork CD Bitter Creek/Shoshone River WPI Project, Star Valley CD Salt River Grover Blaney Cattle Allotment Project, Laramie County CD Crow Creek Project, Lower Wind**

River CD Muddy Creek Watershed Project, Lower Wind River CD Ocean Lake Phase III Project, Hot Springs CD Kirby & Owl Creek Project, and the Crook County CD 2014-16 Belle Fourche River Watershed Project. The motion was seconded by Kevin Schieffer. No discussion. All voted in favor. Motion carried. Jim Rogers made a motion to approve the Sublette County CD Little Sandy Watershed Plan Project Extension Request with and added Interim Report due November 30, 2016 and the new Effective Date and Return of Unused Funds due September 30, 2017. The motion was seconded by Jana Ginter. No discussion. All voted in favor. Motion carried. Justin Caudill updated the board that the Saratoga Encampment Watershed Improvement District dissolved in November of 2015.

RHAP

Justin Caudill provided information about the UW Extension Arapahoe Creek Common Allotment Project, the UW Extension UW-Hay Creek Land & Cattle Project, the UW Extension Bighorn Basin RHAP Project, the Laramie County CD Pole Mountain Robel Pole Project, the Hot Springs CD Hillberry Ranches Rangeland Monitoring Project, and the Popo Agie CD Granite Mountain Open Allotment Cooperative Monitoring Program Project. **Alison Lass made a motion to approve the Update Reports for the following projects: UW Extension Arapahoe Creek Common Allotment Project, UW Extension UW-Hay Creek Land & Cattle Project, UW Extension Bighorn Basin RHAP Project, Hot Springs CD Hillberry Ranches Rangeland Monitoring Project, and the Popo Agie CD Granite Mountain Open Allotment Cooperative Monitoring Program Project. The motion was seconded by Jim Rogers. No discussion. All voted in favor. Motion carried. Jim Rogers made a motion to approve the Laramie County CD Pole Mountain Robel Pole Project Final Report. The motion was seconded by Jana Ginter. No discussion. All voted in favor. Motion carried.** Justin Caudill suggested to the board that they discuss already funded RHAP projects at a later date.

Doug Miyamoto discussed the board's future participation in the RHAP and APRGP programs. Chris Wichmann discussed different options the board could choose from regarding their level of participation in the RHAP and APRGP programs.

Jim Rogers made a motion for the board to continue to approve new grant applications and grant funds for the RHAP and APRGP programs, and to let the in house staff process the RHAP and APRGP interim reports, final reports, amendments, and extension requests. The motion was seconded by Alison Lass. No discussion. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

NR&P Base Funding

Michelle MacDonald provided information about the Dubois-Crowheart Conservation District Extension Request. Michelle MacDonald and Cathy Meyer of the Lower Wind River CD provided information about the Lower Wind River Conservation District Extension Request. **Jim Rogers made a motion to approve the Dubois-Crowheart Conservation District and Lower Wind River Conservation District Extension Requests. The motion was seconded by Bryan Brost. No discussion. All voted in favor. Motion carried.**

Conservation District Appointments/Resignations

Jana Ginter made a motion to approve the reappointment of Craig Geving to the at-large position of the Meeteetse Conservation District, and the reappointment of Tracy Renner to the rural position of the Meeteetse Conservation District. The motion was seconded by Kevin Schieffer. No discussion. All voted in favor. Motion carried. Alison Lass made a motion to approve the appointment of David

Tysdal to the Weston County Natural Resource District Board. The motion was seconded by Jana Ginter. No discussion. All voted in favor. Motion carried. Alison Lass made a motion to approve the appointment of Rich Patton to the Cody Conservation District. The motion was seconded by Jim Rogers. No discussion. Motion carried.

Break for lunch

APRGP

Chris Wichmann provided information about the APRGP program. Doug Miyamoto provided information about the funding for this program. Michelle MacDonald provided information about the TR Wicking-Organic and Conventional Feral Rye Mitigation for Wyoming Wheat Producers Project. **Failed for lack of a motion.** Michelle MacDonald and Todd Graus of Yellowstone Compact & Commodities Corp provided information the Yellowstone Compact & Commodities Benefits of Feeding Lawn Clipping Silage to Cattle Project. **Failed for lack of a motion.**

Bighorn Sheep/Domestic Sheep Rules Discussion

Doug Miyamoto provided background information to the board about the Wyoming Big Horn Sheep/Domestic Sheep plan.

Department Updates

Chris Wichmann provided information to the board about Mule Deer Migration Corridors.

Game and Fish Access Recognition Program

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

Public Comment

None

The Board of Agriculture meeting adjourned, and will continue with the joint meeting with the Game and Fish Commission at the Game and Fish Department.

Joint meeting with the Game & Fish Commission called to order at 3:00 p.m.

Board of Agriculture members present:

Cameron Smith, President
Alison Lass
Bryan Brost
Jana Ginter
Jim Rogers
Kevin Schieffer
Doug Miyamoto, Director
Stacia Berry, Deputy Director

Game & Fish Commission members present:

Charles Price, President
Carrie Little, Vice President
Mark Anselmi
Patrick Crank
Keith Culver
Richard Klouda
David Rael
Scott Talbott, Director

Absent:

Kendall Roberts
Shaun Sims
John Hansen
Richard Schlenker
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Brucellosis Surveillance in the Bighorn Mountains

Hank Edwards of the Wyoming Game & Fish Department (WGFD) provided information about Brucellosis Surveillance in Wyoming and how it is monitored, Brucellosis in the Bighorn Mountains, and the future direction of the Bighorn elk movement study and surveillance.

The Joint Access Recognition Program

Mark Nelson of the WGFD provided information about the Joint Access Recognition Program, with funds provided by the Wyoming Wildlife Foundation.

2015 Private Land Public Wildlife Program Landowner Survey Results

Dan Smith of the WGFD provided information about the 2015 Private Land Public Wildlife Access Program and a summary of the results of the 2015 Landowner Surveys.

Respiratory Disease in Bighorn Sheep-The Story of Gribbles

Dr. Mary Wood of the WGFD provided information about the history of the population of Bighorn Sheep, and Respiratory Disease in the Bighorn Sheep.

Respiratory Disease Surveillance in Wyoming's Bighorn Sheep

Hank Edwards of the WGFD provided information about Respiratory Disease Surveillance in Wyoming's Bighorn Sheep.

Wyoming Bighorn/Domestic Sheep Plan Revision Rules

Doug Miyamoto of the Wyoming Department of Agriculture provided information about the history of the Bighorn/Domestic Sheep Plan Rules. There was general discussion between the Commission and the Board regarding the draft rule and the Administrators Procedures Act. After discussions it was decided to have the three entities, (Commission, Department of Agriculture and Wyoming Livestock

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Board) review the draft rule, establish a comment period, compile comments and present the draft rule at the Commission's July or September meeting for final approval

Public Comment

Scott Butler, a member of the Wyoming Wild Sheep Foundation would like to be included as a stakeholder in development of the Wyoming Bighorn/Domestic Sheep Plan Rules.

There being no additional business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Cameron Smith, President

Date