

Lingle - Fort Laramie Conservation District
Regular Board Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, October 8, 2024
1:00 P.M. at LFLCD Office
224 Main Street, Lingle, WY 82223

Call Meeting to Order by Don McDowell Date Oct 8, 2024 and time 1:03 PM
 Board Members in attendance
 Don McDowell, Linda Nichol, Dave Johnson, Jenna Meeks by text

Office Manager
 Gary Booton

Agenda read by Don McDowell

August Month's Minutes : Motion to approve by Linda Nichol_2nd Dave Johnson_ Vote to approve, yes
 There was no meeting in September because a quorum was not present.

Treasurer's Report: By Dave Johnson

September and October Treasurer's Report			
Aug 13, 2024 – Sept 10, 2024		Sept 10, 2024 – Oct 8, 2024	
Prev. ckg Balance	\$184,568.10	Prev. Ckg Balance	\$167,256.50
Income	\$3516.72	Income	\$137.95
Expenses	\$5136.40	Expenses	\$5774.99
End Ckg Balance	\$167,256.50	End Ckg Balance	\$161,619.46
Savings Balance	\$35140.35	Savings Balance	\$35140.35
Total Balance	\$202,396.85	Total Balance	\$196,759.81

Treasurer's Report: Motion to approve by Linda Nichol 2nd Don McDowell Vote to approve yes

NRCS Report, Given By Ryan Clayton

All projects are on tract as proposed. The open position for a tech at NRCS has moved into a hard to fill status and is eligible for a signing bonus to be paid out over three years. The Budget for next year will be flat because the farm bill has been extended instead of a new bill being passed in Washington.

Walk-Ins

There were no walk-ins

Upcoming Dates

- A. Nov. 19 is the beef growers symposium in Torrington, it was decided that the district would have a table at the symposium presenting the Districts programs that would help the growers.
- B. WACD annual meeting is to be held in Jackson WY Nov. 20th through the 22nd. Room reservations at the Virginian have been made confirmation number 377737232 with a ten day in advance cancellation policy Nov. 7th last day for cancellation.

New Business

- A. Area II Meeting Report
 The meeting was attended by Jenna, Linda, Dave, Don, and Gary the measurer to term limit positions on the Board was not approved.
- B. Fall water testing was moved to the spring of 2025. Cindy Bahndge (307-401-0129) and Dan Wolf (307-575-1896) requested at fair to be notified when the next water test is scheduled. They are to be contacted as soon as a date is set for spring of 2025.
 Motion to approve by Dave Johnson 2nd by Don McDowell Vote to approve yes
- C. 2025 Tree Program was proposed to work with North Platte NRD from Scottsbluff NE to bring trees in from Bessey Nursery. They have offered to let us purchase our trees through them, and they will store them for us if necessary, repackage them into bundles of 10 for the same price as they sell them for in their district. This allows us to fill orders for replacement trees, otherwise district members would have to purchase in lots of 25 and 50. The nursery used in 2024, pricing with shipping would cost 2 to 2 ½ times more doing a joint opportunity with NRD.
 A motion was made to reach a formal agreement with North Platte NRD to insure we have trees in the spring.
 Motion to approve by Don McDowell and 2nd Linda Nichol, Vote to approve yes

- D. We are to do a CPA Audit, it was proposed to offer the bookkeeper that does the books for Ty's a position to process our monthly bills and payroll. And to determine licensing and bonding required. A minimum and maximum was set. The position is to be offered to her by Jenna.

Motion to approve by Dave Johnson and 2nd by Don McDowell Vote to approve yes

Old Business

- A. The solar stock tank program was reviewed to determine that it is meeting the needs of the ranchers. We have had to people looking into the program in the last month. It was determined that the program still meet all the criteria for the District and helping the rancher to manage the resources. A motion was made that no changes were found to be needed.

Motion to approve by Don McDowell and 2nd by Linda Nichol, Vote to approve yes

- B. **Building up dates.** We have several quotes to replace the front awning Lyndon Hochstetter presented the lowest bid and was able start immediately on the project of removing the old awning and building a new one. A motion was made to offer him the contract and accept his bid to replace the rear awning as soon as he completes the front and to ask him to quote a carport dependent on acceptance of current bid by another company.

Motion to approve by Liinda Nichol and 2nd by Don McDowell Vote to approve yes

- C. A motion was made to offer Nick Wagner a contract to build a carport with a rider that if the current price is within 10% of the quoted price. We have been unable to reach him after we received the quote on other projects we would have liked him to quote on.

Motion to approve by Don McDowell and 2nd Linda Nichol Vote to approve yes

- D. Received approval to replace front deadbolt with a digital lock.

Motion to approve by Don McDowell and 2nd Linda Nichol Vote to approve yes

Equipment Report

- A. Reports/Schedules

The 3-box drill needs to be repaired with new discs and other items quoted last spring for \$2000, quote requested for current pricing. If the quote is within 10% proceed with repairs, we must have the unit operational for fall planting season.

- B. No Till Drills 2 box drill, 3 box drill
2 Box Drill is in good shape currently

- C. Pivot Closer and trailer
Are in good repair currently. The trailer to receive new license plates

- D. Broadcaster trailer Did not have a VIN number one has been requested from the state so we can license the trailer. The trailer will have to have lights installed to meet road requirements.

- E. Truck to receive new tags.

Other Reports

- A. Social Media

No changes we have been posting the tree purchase up dates.

- B. Correspondence

No new correspondence

- C. Web site

Proposed that we renew one of the email boxes and use alias email name for everyone else all emails will be available to everyone to look at.

Motion to approve by Don McDowell and 2nd Dave Johnson the Vote to approve yes

Next Board Meeting: Nov. 12th, 2024 at 1:00 PM, Meeting location the Lingle Fort Laramie Conservation Office

Adjourn Motion: Linda Nichol and 2nd Don McDowell Vote to approve yes

Don McDowell
Linda Nichol
Dave Johnson
Matt Teeters
Jenna Meeks