**LINGLE/FT. LARAMIE CONSERVATION DISTRICT**

**MINUTES**

**TUESDAY, APRIL 13th, 2021**

**POINTS WEST BANK, LINGLE**

**REGUALAR MONTHLY MEETING**

Chair called the regular meeting to order at 1:02 pm

Members Present: Don McDowell, Linda Nichol, Jenna Meeks (existed meeting at 3pm due to prior obligations) Dave Johnson. Tim Bartel (arrived at 120pm)

District Employees Present: Karen Johnson, District Manager

Justin Caudill and Chris Wichmann from WDA arrived at 130pm

Ryan Nichols NRCS was absent

**APPROVE AGENDA:**  Jenna motion to approve the agenda as presented. Linda seconded motion**,** and motion was carried.

**MINUTES:** Jenna moved to approve the regular meeting minutes as presented, Linda seconded the motion, and the motion was carried.

**TREASURER’S REPORT:** (as presented on the Agenda)

Last Meeting Balance $ 134,713.82

Income $ 158.10

Expenses $ 8,268.80

Ending Balance $ 126,603.12

Savings Balance $ 6,964.65

Total Balance $ 133,567.77

Discussion of errors found in previous Treasurer’s report concerning dates and balances was discussed. Correct numbers were provided to the Board for review and will be in April Packet for review. Dave moved to approve the Treasurer’s Report as provided. Linda seconded the motion, and the motion was carried.

**RECONCILED BANK & CREDIT CARD STATEMENTS:** Dave moved to approve the Reconciled Bank and Credit Card Statement, Linda seconded the motion, and motion was carried.

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**NRCS:** Ryan was not present and did not make it back to the office in time to give a report to Karen.

**WACD:** Justin and Chrisintroduced themselves to the Board. Justin explained what his and Chris’sroles were with WDA. Both explained the “WHY” they were attending this month’s board meeting. The issues between the counties 3 districts were discussed. They wanted to listen to concerns, ideas, and provide appropriate tools to the districts to work together. The Question asked to the Board was “Does this Board with to participate with the other 2 districts in programs?” The LFLCD board unanimously said yes. A MOA was discussed for shared services and will be provided soon for boards to review. The shared tree program between the districts would also need to be addressed.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

1. Discussion of the Seedling Trees resulted in decision to ask Mark and Erin Estes if they would be interested in receiving any of the seedlings. Mark and Erin Estes were unable to purchase trees or to obtain a tree planting due to unresolved contract negotiations with the other 2 county districts. Karen will make the call to Estes’
2. Water testing dates were not discussed due to lack of time for Karen to get information together as well as longer meeting than normal.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. A preliminary budget will need to be completed and brought to next months meeting. All Board Members were asked to think of items needed to be added to budget and bring to table next month.
2. Tree Program was discussed in agenda item under the WACD with Justin and Chris
3. Area II Meeting was discussed. Karen provided an email sent to Denise, DM for NPVCD & SGCD requesting to meet to discuss and work together. As of today, there had been no reply. Karen will check on cost of venue’s to hold meeting.
4. NACD grants was something the Board did not want to become involved in at this time.
5. The board was provided the USDA news releases in their packet to take home to read.

**DRILL REPORT**:

1. The monthly drill report was provided with current usage, and upcoming usage. An estimated 800 acres are scheduled to be drilled.

**NEW DRILL REPORT:**

1. The new drill has still not arrived. It is expected any day. Karen will continue follow up daily with Brown Company.
2. Reimbursement from Economical Development Grant will be submitted by Karen.

**BROADCASTER/SEEDER:**

1. Trailer donated by Tim Bartel has not be picked up yet. Karen will need to get a bill of sale/donation form completed. Future rentals are scheduled for broadcaster.

**SOCIAL MEDIA REPORT:** Karen will update as time allows.

**OTHER REPORTS:** Discussion of possibility of purchasing a pivot track closer was discussed. Ameeting will be held soon. Tim Bartel will look into costs and brands.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** Wy Ag in classroom, WDA emails, and NACD newsletters were passed around for review by the Board.

With no further business to come before the Board, Chair adjourned the meeting at 4:02 pm.

**NEXT REGULAR BOARD MEETING: MAY 11TH, 2021** at 1:00 p.m. at Points West Bank in Lingle

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Administrator