**LINGLE/FT. LARAMIE CONSERVATION DISTRICT**

**MINUTES**

**TUESDAY, August 10th, 2021**

**POINTS WEST BANK, LINGLE**

Members Present: Don McDowell, Linda Nichol, Jenna Meeks

Members Absent: Dave Johnson, Tim Bartel

District Employees Present: Karen Johnson, District Manager

Ryan Clayton NRCS was present

**WALK IN:** Lori Schaffer

**REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING**

Chair call the regular meeting to order at 1:06 pm

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

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

**TREASURER’S REPORT:**

Last Meeting Balance $ 92,303.46

Income $ 3,964.57

Expenses $ 3,881.96

Ending Balance $ 93,906.86

Savings Balance $ 6,965.52

Total Balance $ 100,872.38

Linda moved to approve the Treasurers report with check # 2439 having an incorrect amount needs to be voided. Jenna seconded the motion, and the motion was carried. Karen voided out check # 2439, will void in QuickBooks, and reissue another check next month. Jenna questioned the tax-exempt form. Karen will get one to Bomgaars for future purchases. Karen will write a check out for cash for the award money to be presented to the winners of the poster contest. Karen will order a Quick Books for dummies book to assist her in any questions she has. New Checks were also ordered and should arrive any day.

**RECONCILED BANK & CREDIT CARD STATEMENTS:**  Linda moved to approve the reconciled bank and credit card statements as presented. Jenna seconded the motion, and the motion was carried**.**

**NRCS:** Ryan discussed 80 CRP and 85-90 CRP new grassland signups. He and Jason are very busy having to have eyes on each signup for field verification. He informed us about farmers/ranchers concerns about the cost of seed prices being almost double compared to last years prices as well as the availability to purchase seed. Shade Frank, a new technician will start on Monday August 16th and Jamie M will start late August. With the shortage of help setting irrigation pipes on fields, there are 7 applications for pivots in the county. The delivery of the drill has been an “amazing asset for NRCS, it allows us to share conservation projects to people who never really knew what NRCS did”. Emergency CRP grazing is opened July 15 due to the current drought.

**WALK IN:** Lori Schafer was here to provide information on 30x30 Land Grab. The program was adopted by the Biden Administration through Executive Order 14008. “Tackling the Climate Crisis at Home and Abroad” (86 Fed. Reg. 7,619), signed January 27,2021. She stated, “What does this mean?” “No one knows for sure”. “Tactics? Those are unclear but the quote provided by the administration “will use all tools in the the toolbox to get this done”. “Inteminent Domain has happened before. The land and conservation fund were fully funded but is unclear how future will be funded”. There will be a meeting sponsored by Goshen, Laramie, Niobrara, and Platte County’s Farm Bureau Federation to provide more information held August 11, 2021, at 6:00 pm in the Rendezvous Center located on the Goshen County Fairgrounds in Torrington Wy. Some Special Districts have provided a Resolution. Linda moved for the Lingle Fort Laramie Conservation District to prepare a resolution for the 30x30 Land Grab. Jenna seconded the motion, and the motion was carried.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. The Poster Contest held at the Goshen County Fair had a total of 14 entries. The posters were judged by Linda, Don, and Jenna. The Winners of each grade division will receive a $20.00 Cash prize and their posters will be entered into the WACD state poster contest. Karen will contact winners and give out award money, get state entry permission slips signed by parents, and send all information to WACD by October 1st, 2021.
2. WDA memo by Chris Wichmann was shared.
3. MOUs were sent to the NPVCD and the SGCD by email on Friday 8/6/2021. The board will wait on replies.
4. The WCD financial policy was reviewed. A discussion concerning blanket vouchers determined that all individual invoices would need to be stamped. Karen was trained to stamp only the blanket voucher not to do this.
5. Budget Submission and Base Funding Checklist was reviewed. Karen has everything into Michelle at WDA for the August 30, 2021, deadline. The Annual Plan, Annual Summary, and the one-page summary will need to be submitted by December 30. 2021.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

1. Area II meeting planned for September 13, 2021, is still a go. NPVCD/SGCD’s manager has yet to work with Karen concerning any plans for this meeting.
2. The annual convention in Cody, Wy is still scheduled. The district received 30 tickets to sell for the WNRF’s fundraiser. The first prize is a 2022 John Deere Gator. The second place is a Stihl chainsaw. The tickets are $25 each. The drawing will be held November 30, 2021.
3. Water testing information given out at Goshen County Fair LFLCDs exhibit was a success. Water testing kits were given out to constituents of the LFLCD. Kits were given out with instructional packets and information on collection date. The collection date is 8/11/2021 at the LFL Firehall from 8-10 am. Karen will then deliver the kits to the water testing lab in Laramie, Wy.
4. Lab funding information was shared. Karen will prepare items for reimbursement from lab funds when available.
5. The Goshen County Fair Exhibit was a success. Water testing information, water testing kits, and instructions were provided. A local poster contest with the NACD theme “Healthy Forests, Healthy Communities” was held with all art supplies provided. A multiple informational book drawing for both adults and children was held. Information flyers on the benefits of the No-Till Drill, pivot track closer, and seed broadcaster was provided as well as the rental information.
6. The annual plan was discussed. Ideas were shared among board. The board would like Karen to submit the annual plan for the state contest if she has time to complete.

**DRILL REPORT**:

1. The monthly drill report was given to the board for review. The new logos was put onto both drills. The drill is out currently with full schedule in late August early September.
2. A few additional supplies need to be purchased. Some of those items are plugs, grease, chain lube, and new safety pins. Maintence will need to be done soon.
3. The Economic Development final report was completed and turned in. Still waiting on response.

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**PIVOT TRACK CLOSER/BROADCASTER:** The pivot closer has a list started for late September. Supplies still needed purchased is a toolbox for pins, padlock, and straps. The logos were put on the closer and broadcaster. The license plates and insurance for the trailer purchased was done by Karen.

**SOCIAL MEDIA REPORT:** Karen will update minutes on website. She will also update the website and face book pages. A newsletter is currently being created to be sent out after board approval to the constituents of the LFLCD.

**OTHER REPORTS:** The discussion of shirts, sizes, and need was held. Jenna will go pick hers out. Karen will order Linda’s shirt. With the new COVID Delta variant it’s possible the office will be restricted to vaccinated personnel only. Karen will continue to work from home and out in the field most of the time. She will continue to go into the office for mail and correspondence as needed. Name plate stickers were ordered and put onto equipment at the fair.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** Was passed around and shared with the board.

With no further business to come before the Board, Chair adjourned the meeting at 4:08 pm

**NEXT REGULAR BOARD MEETING: September 14th, 2021,** at 1:00 p.m. at Points West Bank in Lingle

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Chair Date

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Treasurer

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Administrator

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