**LINGLE/FT. LARAMIE CONSERVATION DISTRICT**

 **MINUTES**

**Tuesday August 9th, 2022**

**LFLCD Office, LINGLE, Wy**

Members Present: Don McDowell, Dave Johnson, Jenna Meeks, Tim Bartel, and Linda Nichol.

Members Absent:

District Employees Present: Karen Johnson, District Manager

NRCS: Ryan Clayton

**REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING:**  Chair called the regular meeting to order at 1:04 pm in the new Lingle Fort Laramie Conservation District Office.

**APPROVE AGENDA:** Jenna moved to approve the agenda Dave seconded the motion**,** and motion was carried.

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

**TREASURER’S REPORT:**

Last Meeting Balance $ 63,458.06

Income $ 10,358.82

Expenses $ 6,104.81

Ending Balance $ 67,711.57

Savings Balance $ 10,000.08

Total Balance $ 77,711.57

**RECONCILED BANK AND CREDIT CARD STATEMENTS:**  Dave moved to approve the treasurers report and bank reconciliation. Linda seconded the motion, and the motion was carried.

**NRCS:** Ryan provided the board with report to enclose in board packet. The NRCS is still working on CRP Grassland signups. Most signups are located within the Lingle and SGCD areas.

**WALK IN:**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

A. The updated base funding worksheet provided by Michelle MacDonald of WDA was presented. All base funding requirements due by 8/31/22 were completed. Karen is working on the items due by 12/30/22. The board unanimously approved the Pursuant of Local Funding requirement. It was signed and Karen will submit to WDA.

B. The County Commissioners were invited to the August 9th, 2022, meeting by letter dated July 20th, 2022. Commissioner Cody was unable to attend, he was in California fighting fires. Commissioner Justin was on vacation, and John did not make it due to other obligations. Karen will resend new invite to them as well as inviting other elected officials to the September 13th, 2022, meeting.

C. The new office is open to the public part time. The board held the first meeting today. There is a lot of work still needing to be accomplished. The main office area has been completed with carpet. The district is still waiting on the Wy Energy Grant before making decisions for heat/air. Karen has enclosed heat pump and window and door replacement bids presented to Wy Energy. Karen will look for the best deal and service for internet for the office. A discussion concerning the purchase of a carport to park the pickup truck in was had. Karen will look at costs and size to bring to next board meeting.

D. The board discussed the Barnyards & Backyards Small Acreage Outreach Project. Linda motioned to send a check in the amount of $150 to support this project and to purchase 2 subscriptions for the magazines. Jenna seconded the motion, and the motion was carried. Karen will send the check and order the subscriptions.

E. The 2022 Goshen County Fair was considered a success by the board. The board was able to get a booth inside the Ag Hall. Karen brought all information for equipment rentals, water testing, winter water of trees, newsletters, cost share programs, the new office location and monthly meetings notice, and all the supplies for the NACD poster contest “Healthy Soil: Healthy Life”. The district had drawings for books related to conservation, a wrench set, and a DeWalt backpack weed sprayer with brochures and books on obnoxious weeds included.

F. The letter from Niobrara Conservation District was discussed. Jenna will draft a letter back to them thanking them for their support and offering to work with them on projects also.

G. WACD Awards Program Nominations were discussed at length. Each board member coming up with ideas of whom to nominate. The board members will write up information of their nominations to bring to next month’s meeting.

H. The Long-Range Plan was discussed Karen will bring draft to next months meeting for the board to finalize before running 45 day notice for public comment.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

A. Karen has had new forms notarized for the SAMS registration. We are currently waiting on the SAMS number.

B. Information on the status of the Wy Energy Grant was updated to the board.

C. The board was provided with updated information on the election.

**DRILL REPORT**:

The monthly drill report was included in the board packets. Outstanding balances were reviewed. Two seed cost shares were paid out to constituents who utilized the drill within the LFLCD boundaries.

**PIVOT TRACK CLOSER/BROADCASTER:**  The monthly report was included in the board packets. No discussion.

**SOCIAL MEDIA REPORT:** Karen updates when time allows. She will also announce new office opening and next month’s meeting on sites.

**OTHER REPORTS:**  Jenna updated the board on information obtained from Clean Harbors waste collection. Jenna would also like to do a county wide map with colors on where the No-Till Drill has been in the county. Area II meeting was discussed. Karen included the minutes from the 2021 Area II meeting held in Goshen County. Website performance, Truck mileage, and Subdivision Review was also included in the packet.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** Goshen Economic Development Newsletter, The Town of Lingle Summer Newsletter.

**ADJOURN:** Tim motioned to adjourn meeting at 4:36 pm. Don seconded the motion, and the motion was carried.

**NEXT REGULAR BOARD MEETING: September 13th, 2022,** at 1:00 p.m. at the Lingle Office.

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