**LINGLE/FT. LARAMIE CONSERVATION DISTRICT**

 **MINUTES**

**TUESDAY, December 14th, 2021**

**POINTS WEST BANK, LINGLE**

Members Present: Dave Johnson, Tim Bartel and Don McDowell

Members Absent: Jenna Meeks and Linda Nichol

District Employees Present: Karen Johnson, District Manager

NRCS: Ryan Clayton

**REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING**

Chair call the regular meeting to order at 1:08 pm

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

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

**TREASURER’S REPORT:**

Last Meeting Balance $ 109,766.57

Income $ 13,161.56

Expenses $ 4,708.71

Ending Balance $ 118,219.42

Savings Balance $ 6,966.40

Total Balance $ 125,185.82

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

**NRCS:** Ryan updated the board on CRP contracts. There is approximately 40,000 acres in CRP consisting of new signups and renewals. He brought up the subject of the cost of seed and its availability becoming a problem. It is getting hard to find. He informed the board that the office was at 75 % staffing capacity, but still open by appointment only. Ryan informed the board the office has a vacancy with Terry leaving.

**WALK IN:**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. The board discussed the mediation request and letters from NPVCD and SGCD. Tim motioned to ignore the letters and “PUT CONSERVATION IN THE COUNTY FIRST”. Dave seconded the motion, and the motion was carried. At this time, the board will not respond to the letters and mediation requests for contracts. The board still wishes to go ahead with its mediation request for tree program dispersal.
2. Water testing kits need to be returned to Laramie. The district will keep 25 kits for future water testing date.
3. Base Funding needs the Annual Report and One page summary sent in. Karen has this almost complete, just needs editing. She will get this sent in. As well as the November and December 2021 minutes.
4. January meeting date needs to be changed due to conflict of the Board attending the Niobrara monthly meeting in Lusk concerning the Hydrogen Center Project. It was agreed up the date would be changed to January 13, 2022, at 1pm in Lingle at Points West Bank.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

 A. The office equipment acquired from the FSA will need to be moved. Tim will look into the price of a

 Storage unit for storage.

 B. The need to attend a County Commissioners meeting was discussed.

**DRILL REPORT**:

1. The monthly drill report was given to the board for review.
2. The old drill will need new tires before spring. Karen will check with tire dealers in town for prices. The drills will need maintenance: greasing of chains, barrens etc. Karen will follow up on this.

**PIVOT TRACK CLOSER/BROADCASTER:**

 A. The monthly closer/seeder report was given to the board for review**.**

 B. The track closer trailer was discussed.

**SOCIAL MEDIA REPORT:** Karen will update minutes on website. She will also update the website to include any new information. Tim motioned to pay telephone bill. Dave seconded the motion, and motion was carried.

 **OTHER REPORTS:**

A. The entire board attended the Annual Convention in Cody. A lot of informational material was

 available to the board. Karen was awarded a certificate for outstanding performance in the Employee

 training conducted in Cheyenne last February. The auction item donated by the district received a

 $275 bid.

 B. Don attended the meeting in Lusk concerning the Hydrogen Center on Dec. 7, 2021. There will be a

 meeting in Lusk on January 11, 2022. Some of the board members will attend.

 C. Karen requested to purchase a stand for the front lobby office to put out informational flyers. Tim

 motioned to approve the purchase of small table/stand. Dave seconded the motion, and the motion

 was carried.

 D. Numerous ideas were suggested by the board members present and Ryan about cost share programs,

 The Platte/Niobrara Watershed study, and future small water developments.

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

With no further business to come before the Board, Chair adjourned the meeting at 3:16pm

**NEXT REGULAR BOARD MEETING: January 14th, 2022,** at 1:00 p.m. at Points West Bank in Lingle

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