**LINGLE/FT. LARAMIE CONSERVATION DISTRICT**

**MINUTES**

**TUESDAY, June 8th, 2021**

**POINTS WEST BANK, LINGLE**

**REGUALAR MONTHLY MEETING**

Chair called the regular meeting to order at 1:13 pm

Members Present: Don McDowell, Linda Nichol, Dave Johnson

Members Absent: Tim Bartel and Jenna Meeks ( 3rd absence)

District Employees Present: Karen Johnson, District Manager

Ryan Clayton NRCS was absent

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

**MINUTES:** Linda moved to approve the minutes as presented with the correction of Jenna Meeks being absent from May’s meeting. Dave seconded the motion, and the motion was carried.

**TREASURER’S REPORT:**

Last Meeting Balance $ 85,210.80

Income $ 8,420.67

Expenses $ 2,335.05

Ending Balance $ 91,296.42

Savings Balance $ 6,964.65

Total Balance $ 98,261.07

Dave moved to approve the Treasurer’s Report as presented. Linda seconded the motion, and motion was carried.

**RECONCILED BANK & CREDIT CARD STATEMENTS:**  Dave moved to approve the reconciled bank and credit card statements for May and June 2021 as presented. Linda seconded the motion, and the motion was carried**.**

**GOSHEN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS** Cody Cox and Justin Burkhart (arrived at 1:50 pm). JohnEllis was absent due to water well issues**.** The board wanted to extend a thank you to the Goshen CountyRoad and Bridge Department for working on improving roads within the county. Cody filled the board in on experimental chemical compound for use on the county roads. The benefits of no-till drilling were discussed. Linda voiced her concerns about changes in the culture of Wyoming and within the county. The board asked the commissioners their thoughts on President Biden’s 30/30 plans. A new pipeline going west to east from Platte County, Wy was discussed. The progress on the funding for the GID tunnels and repairs to the tunnels was also discussed. The Commissioners also extended an invitation for our board members to attend their meetings to keep them informed of projects within the county and our district.

**NRCS:** A written report presented by Ryan Clayton was included in the board packets.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. A review of the December 2020 meeting was held due to a complaint being filed with the state concerning outgoing board member Kelly Greenwald attending and making motions during the December 2020 meeting. Incoming member Jenna Meeks was not present. The board reviewed all December 2020 minutes, agenda, and motions made during the meeting. After review and discussions about the motions made by outgoing member Kelly Greenwald, Linda motioned to approve the previous motions made by Kelly during the December 2021 board meeting. Dave seconded the motion, and the motion was carried.
2. A discussion of the Goshen County Fair booth was held. Linda will purchase books for drawings. Karen will set up table for drawing supplies (pencils, posters, crayons, etc.) for participation in the NACD poster contest. Dave will set up booth rental for the drill and pivot closer. Karen will also bring advertisement, rental contracts, and information about benefits of no-till drilling.
3. The annual report will be due soon. Karen will work start work on this project soon.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

1. WDA Chris W never showed after asking to be put on the agenda in an email dated May 26, 2021.
2. Area II meeting discussion concerning working with the other districts was had. Karen had sent email requesting time to meet with Denise concerning the upcoming meeting. No reply was received. Karen will send another one requesting to meet again to discuss plans and venues.
3. The proposed budget was approved by WDA June 2021 and should be approved by the county commissioners at their next meeting. Karen will advertise the final budget meeting for July 13th, 2021 in the newspaper and on media sites. She will also prepare final budget before next months meeting.
4. The delivery of the seedling trees to Marc and Erin Estes was a success. They were happy to receive the free seedling trees.
5. Water testing is still in the works for our district. Time restraints has limited district manager Karen from getting program completed.

**DRILL REPORT**:

1. The monthly drill report was given to the Board. The ordering of supplies is still ongoing as needs occur. The acre counter on drill #1 malfunctioned and a new one was ordered. A spare tire needs to be ordered as well due to excessive heat a blowout could occur. Karen will get this done.
2. The Economic Development final report was approved with typo corrections. Karen will get corrected and submitted.

**PIVOT TRACK CLOSER/BROADCASTER:** Still needs supplies purchased. A trailer still needs to be bought for the track closer. Tim Bartel’s donation of the trailer for the Broadcaster was greatly appreciated and is currently at the office awaiting paperwork.  **SOCIAL MEDIA REPORT:** Karen will update as time allows.

**OTHER REPORTS:** The discussion of ordering more caps and new shirts for the Board was had.Need to get sizes next month. Items purchased last fall for the state convention will be used for the fair this year. When the USDA office opens back up to the public, the discussion of office hours by district manager Karen will be discussed, until then she will continue to work from home and out in the field most of the time. Name plate stickers was ordered and Karen will get them on theequipment.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** Was passed around and reviewed by members.

With no further business to come before the Board, Chair adjourned the meeting at 4:20 pm

**NEXT REGULAR BOARD MEETING: August 10th, 2021** at 1:00 p.m. at Points West Bank in Lingle

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