

Lingle Ft. Laramie Conservation District

May 12, 2020

Ft. Laramie Community Center

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The meeting was called to order at 1:05 p.m. by Chairman Don McDowell. In addition to Chairman McDowell, Ryan Clayton, Samantha Valentine, Dave Johnson, Linda Nichol and Kelly Greenwald were present.

Linda Nichol moved to accept the agenda as written. Kelly Greenwald seconded.

Kelly Greenwald moved to accept the minutes as written. Dave Johnson seconded.

Don McDowell moved to approve the Treasurer's report and reconciliation. Kelly Greenwald seconded. There were no credit card charges.

Ryan Clayton presented the NRCS report.

- NRCS office is open for business, however in following federal guidelines, the doors are closed.
- They are receiving many EQUIP applications – as a result of the watershed study.
- NRCS has received funding of \$1.4 million for Platte, Laramie and Goshen counties.
- Goshen County will see ~\$700,000. LFLCD area has 4 center pivot installations scheduled, along with a large subsurface drip system.
- Laramie County is seeing a lot of CRP conversions.
- Not as many in Goshen County, even though our CRP rate is low.
- The office is staying busy with the LFL drill.
- Has allowed them to meet clientele they have not met before.
- Jerry Hattan is scheduled to retire May 30.
- Drill hitch may require more maintenance. And the drill will probably need new tires after this season.
- The drill continues to pay for itself.

Supervisors discussed purchasing a trailer for the drill.

- Ryan cannot pull the trailer with a USDA pickup.
- He does not mind at all pulling the trailer.
 - It has increased awareness of NRCS and the LFLCD throughout the county!

Don Zimmerer is getting geared up to plant trees. His help starts on the 18th.

Lingle Botanical Park was discussed. It is the feeling of the current Board that we would really prefer something with reduced maintenance. Kelly visited with Mayor George Siglin and the Town of Lingle has no preference.

Kelly will send an invitation to the County Commissioners to attend the June meeting which is scheduled for June 9, 2020 at 1:00 p.m. in the meeting room of Points West Bank in Lingle.

The Board reviewed the budget as presented by accountant Samantha Valentine. Samantha did an excellent job of presenting numbers based on recent history and her knowledge of upcoming

issues. With a few changes, Samantha was instructed to submit to the Department of Agriculture and the Goshen County Commissioners.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:15 p.m.

Linda Nichol 6-9-20
Donald A. McDowell 6-9-20
E and John

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