**LINGLE/FT. LARAMIE CONSERVATION DISTRICT**

**MINUTES**

**TUESDAY, September 14th, 2021**

**POINTS WEST BANK, LINGLE**

Members Present: Don McDowell, Linda Nichol, Tim Bartel, Dave Johnson, Jenna Meeks (call in at 1:08 pm)

Members Absent:

District Employees Present: Karen Johnson, District Manager

WDA: Justin Caudill

**WALK IN:**

**REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING**

Chair call the regular meeting to order at 1:05 pm

**APPROVE AGENDA:** Lindamoved to approve the agenda as presented. Tim 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 $ 93,906.46 (94,106.82)

Income $ 18,905.54

Expenses $ 3,450.81

Ending Balance $ 109,222.69

Savings Balance $ 6,964.65

Total Balance $ 116,187.34

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

**NRCS:** Ryan Clayton was absented but sent a report by District Manager, Karen to present to the board. The report information for CRP and Grassland CRP signups and the USDA mandated office closure. Tim moved to approve NRCS written report. Linda seconded the motion, and the motion was carried.

**WALK IN:**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. The MOU’s presented to SGCD and NPVCD was discussed extensively with input from Justin.

Tim motioned to abandon the entire tree program and create our own. Jenna seconded the motion with amendment to include willingness to go into mediation for tree assets. Dave seconded Jenna’s motion with amendment, and motion was carried. Karen will follow up on mediation procedures.

1. Area II meeting was a success. The Presentation by Justin Loeffler of Green Tree Ag, LLC about agriculture production hemp rotation was very good. Karen won the basket drawing.
2. A copy of the newsletter was provided for review to the board by email and at the meeting for discussion. All board members wanted to keep things positive in the newsletter. Don wanted to add the purpose of the conservation district into the newsletter. Tim moved to approve the purchase of permit for mailings of the newsletter and other mail. Linda seconded the motion, and the motions was carried. Karen will fill out the application and submit it to the postal service. Jenna moved to work with Karen on finishing up the newsletter. Tim seconded the motion, and the motion was carried.
3. Jenna attended the Lingle and Fort Laramie Town Hall meetings. There was a request from a resident of Lingle to do something about the vultures roosting on her fence. Jenna will let her know to contact Game and Fish Department. The Lingle Botanical Garden 4-H sign needs repainted. The district will follow up with the club concerning this. Fort Laramie thanked Jenna for coming to the meeting.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

1. 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.
2. Water testing was discussed. Karen has few people waiting for a future date to collect more samples. Karen will send in the bill for past water testing and mileage for lab fund reimbursement.
3. Annual Plan was sent for review by email and a copy provided at the meeting for review. After some corrections and some additions, the Annual plan will be submitted to the WDA.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION: WAS CALLED AT 3:06 PM BY THE CHAIR.**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION: WAS ADJOURNED AT 3:35 PM.**

**REGULAR SESSION WAS CALLED AT 3:40 PM AFTER A 5 MINUTE BREAK.**

**DRILL REPORT**:

1. The monthly drill report was given to the board for review.
2. The Economic Development final report was completed, turned in, and a check presented to LFLCD in the amount of $5,000.00.

**PIVOT TRACK CLOSER/BROADCASTER:**

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

**SOCIAL MEDIA REPORT:** Karen will update minutes on website. She will also update the website and face book pages with request for anyone wanting a newsletter via email instead of mail please contact Karen.

**OTHER REPORTS:** The discussion of shirts, sizes, and need was held. Jenna will go pick hers out. Karen will order Linda’s shirt and Tim’s Shirt.

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

With no further business to come before the Board, Chair adjourned the meeting at 4:09 pm

**NEXT REGULAR BOARD MEETING: October 12th, 2021,** at 1:00 p.m. at Points West Bank in Lingle

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Chair Date

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