

Minutes of Board January 13, 2021
7:00 p.m.
Star Valley Conservation District Office
61 E. 5th Ave. Afton, WY 83110

Regular Board Meeting

Rollin Gardner called the regular meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. In attendance were Rollin Gardner, Shane Crook, Jeff Johnson, Harve Erickson, Cole Helm, Kay Lynn Nield, Chuck Butterfield, Adam Clark, and Rich Stem.

Minutes: Minutes for November 8, 2020 were reviewed. Motion to approve by Jeff Johnson and seconded by Shane Crook, motion carried.

Financials: Vouchers and Bank Statements were reviewed by the board. Motion to approve the financials made by Jeff Johnson, seconded by Harv Erickson, motion carried.

Agency Updates NRCS: The board approved the MOU with the NRCS to work on programs and follow NRCS guidelines. Rollin Gardner signed the MOU. Adam gave an update on programs with irrigation districts and Swift Creek project.

Agency Updates Extension: none

Unfinished Business:

- 319 Updates-Final Report and Water Quality Data submissions are in progress. Data submissions are due April 15, 2021.
- Bridger Teton National Forest
 - Kay Lynn Nield, DeMont Grandy and Aaron Zobell met in Cokeville on Jan. 12, 2021 to go over plan of work for the year. Notes are attached.
 - Vacant Allotments/RHAP
 - RHAP Blind Bull-Deadman-Grizzly Basin.
 - RHAP Blind Trail-Stewart
 - FS and SVCD will monitor in 2021. Still working out the details with USFS.
 - ESD-WLCI
 - SVCD/Lincoln CD/USFS is working with Dr. Thacker from USU to hire a soil team for summer 2021.
 - ESD Sublette, Lincoln, Teton, SVCD- Mike Henn has received \$50,000 from USFS to start ESD work. He will be meeting with USFS to start the data collection. SVCD will get data to Mike from USFS on Greys River and Kemmerer Ranger Districts. Most of the work is already done on these because Aaron Zobell and Brad Jacobsen have already done historical data collection and it is digitized. They will provide a copy to SVCD and Sublette.
 - The FS 2209 handbook is being updated. This was published in the federal register. Kay Lynn sent the notice to permittees. We will comment on this through CLG and Conservation District.
 - The USFS and SVCD/Lincoln CD will work on new RHAP for ESD work so that they will be ready to submit when the new funding is available.

- The USFS asked us to host the permittee AOI meetings for the year. They are unable to meet with permittees in person and would like to us to facilitate the meetings for 2021.
- No-Till Drill
 - We need to decide if we are upgrading the no till drill. We will discuss at the next meeting.
- Greys River Forest Collaborative:
 - Rich Stem and Chuck Butterfield met with SVCD on the Greys River Forest Collaborative. We are working together to get this up and running again. Rich went over the importance of the collaborative and how it will help the county/SVCD to have input in projects and plans moving forward. He also updated us on the new administration and how they will prioritize dealing with wildfire. This is where the collaborative will come in.
 - Chuck Butterfield will facilitate the collaborative for SVCD. We will pay him with the agreement we have with the USFS. We will work out contract details in the next month.
- AAWPC-Kay Lynn missed meeting because of CLG.
- WDA Water Quality Grant
 - Swift Creek is in progress. The contractor is still working even in the snow.
 - No septic workshops yet.
 - New water quality grant due March 15, 2021.
- Swift Creek Restoration Project-Max Merritt/Larry Nield.
 - Contractor has been able to continue work through the winter.
- Water Development Commission Level 1 Watershed for Hoback River and Greys River
 - This is on hold until after the legislature meets next year. With budget cuts from the state we do not know if there will be money to spend for the Level 1 study. Alder Environmental was awarded the contract.
- Lincoln County Land Use Plan
 - We need a list of irrigation districts and companies in Star Valley to update the land use plan. The board discussed this, and Kay Lynn will make contact with people to get a map in place with Destry Deardon at Lincoln County GIS.
- RCPP/BOR Grant
 - Sent a letter of support from SVCD for the BOR grant to make steering committee for Salt River.
- Coalition of Local Governments
 - SVCD Board members received updates on the CLG.

New Business

- Subdivision Reviews- Motion to approve by Shane Crook, seconded Cole Helm, motion carried.
- Landline or Cell Phone-Kay Lynn Nield will look into the costs for a cell phone for the district. Kay Lynn is using personal phone for conservation district business. It might be worth getting a cell phone to replace the landline. We will discuss numbers at the next board meeting.
- Sue Ann Adams diversion at Clarks Barn the Wyoming Game and Fish would like to do a study to make the fish passage better and upgrade the diversion. Kay Lynn called Austin Gibbons and Sue Ann Adams to see if they were interested. They are willing to have Game and Fish pursue. Adams brought up issues with access to the island and culvert that is plugged. Will meet with Game and Fish to discuss.

- Motion to adjourn by Harve Erickson
Adjourned at 8:45