

**CAMPBELL COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT  
MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING  
601 4J Court, Suite D  
Gillette, WY  
September 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2009**

CALL TO ORDER:

Travis Hakert, Chair, called the meeting to order at 4:03 p.m.

Persons in attendance were: Travis Hakert, Chair; Richard VanCampen, Vice-Chair; Jason Oedekoven, Sec/Treasurer; Wanda Burget, Supervisor; Brenda Schladweiler, Supervisor; Michelle Cook, District Manager; Debbie Hepp, Program Assistant; Crystal Kellebrew, Administrative Assistant; Erika Peckham, Habitat Extension Biologist; and Richard Bonine Jr., Associate Member. Guests attending were BJ Kristiansen, EMC2; and Rachel Kristiansen, EMC2.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

The financial reports covering the previous month's activities and the current expenditures were reviewed. Forwarded checking account balance as of July 31<sup>st</sup>, 2009 was \$9,665.14. August 2009 income was \$135,076.72 a WGIF transfer of \$0.00, plus interest in the amount of \$4.05 for a total income recorded of \$135,080.77. Expenditures for the month of August totaled (\$28,128.67) Transfers to WGIF for the month of August totaled \$115,000.00. The August 31<sup>st</sup>, 2009 checking account balance was \$1,617.24.

Forwarded Wyoming Government Investment Fund balance as of July 31<sup>st</sup>, 2009, 2009 was \$6,346.79. WGIF income for the month of August 2009 equaled \$115,000.00, plus interest income in the amount of \$18.15 for a total income recorded of \$115,018.15. Withdrawals for the month of August equaled \$0.00 The August 31<sup>st</sup>, 2009 WGIF balance was \$121,364.94.

The Authorized Voucher Report including checks #7502 through #7522 was presented for approval.

Richard VanCampen moved to accept the financials and voucher report. Wanda Burget seconded the motion. Motion approved.

MINUTES:

Brenda Schladweiler moved to accept the minutes from the August 10<sup>th</sup>, 2009 board meeting. Richard VanCampen seconded the motion. Motion approved.

EMC2:

## REPORTS & UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

### 1) District Manager's Report:

- A. Leadership and Mentoring Workshop: Michelle, Debbie, and Crystal attended the Peregrine Leadership Workshop on May 19<sup>th</sup>, 2009. A follow up session is scheduled September 28<sup>st</sup>, 2009 from 8 a.m. – 12 p.m. for District staff and any Board members that would like to attend.
- B. Swansong Living Snow Fence: The District in conjunction with WYDOT and WY State Forestry planted a living snow fence in 2000. There was a contract signed with Swansong Ranch LLC stating they will maintain the living snow fence for 30 years if sold the responsibility would be passed on to the next landowner. Since that time it has been sold several times and subdivided into four lots. The fence has been removed around the tree belt, about 30 Russian Olive trees have been removed and one of the lots have been grazed. An Affidavit has been written and Michelle will take the existing agreement that was written up in 2000 and get it recorded. The Board suggested having a meeting with the Swansong Ranch LLC the current landowners, RT Cox, Lawyer; and John Crisp with WY State Forestry. Michelle will be contacting them and will set a meeting date; she will keep the board updated.

## NRCS REPORT:

**Range Inventories:** Groundwork has been completed for range inventories on 2 places in Campbell County, with one left to do to satisfy program requirements.

**Roy Roath:** Erika attended 2 landowner follow-ups with producers from Campbell County who were interested in have input from Roy Roath. This funding was provided from the sage grouse working groups through the district and seemed to be time well spent.

**WHIP:** 1 contract was submitted in the late sign-up period for WHIP funds. Around 400 trees with protectors will be planted on SA creek. The producer will also be planting food plots that will be excluded from grazing. It is hoped to be beneficial for pheasants.

**EQIP:** Tim has been spending most of his time on EQIP contracts.

### 1) Old Business:

- A. 319 Grants: Michelle stated they will start fall sampling in September. There will be a field audit with the University of Wyoming on September 15<sup>th</sup> on the Little Powder River. There was a Belle Fourche TMDL meeting in Moorcroft on August 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup>, 2009. There was also a meeting in the morning with a tour the same afternoon in Crook County and a tour in Campbell County the second day. Michelle sent out bid packets for the WDEQ grant to thirteen

consultants to analyze our sampling information for the last two years. She stated she has received 2 proposals one from EDE Consultants and the other from WWC Engineering. Michelle has worked with Ben Schiffer with WWC Engineering and was pleased with the work he has done.

Wanda Burget made a motion for Michelle to contact WWC Engineering and discuss the possibility of analyzing our sampling information for the last two years. Jason Oedekoven seconded the motion. Motion approved.

- B. Dr. Roy Roath Workshop: Michelle stated the next step from the Grazing Workshop is to have one on one site visits. There is a plan to have two in Campbell County and two in Weston County. They would also like to have a joint workshop with Dr. Roy Roath and Dr. Fred Provenza. Michelle stated they are in the process of negotiating discrepancies in the invoices they have received from Dr. Roy Roath. Michelle will keep the board updated.
- C. BLM RMP Revision: Michelle attended the RMP meetings on August 19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup>, 2009; she and Brenda will attend the meetings on September 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup>, 2009.
- D. Long Range Plan: Michelle gave the Board a copy of the Long Range Plan and they will take it home and review it and will get back with Michelle with any changes or concerns. There will be a 45-day public comment period. It will begin Wednesday, September 9<sup>th</sup>, 2009 and end Saturday, October 24<sup>th</sup>, 2009.
- E. Reclamation Workshop: The Reclamation workshop was August 27<sup>th</sup> at 1 p.m. at Belle Ayre Mine. Board Supervisors Travis Hakert, Jason Oedekoven; Associate Board Member Richard Bonine Jr; District & NRCS Staff Michelle, Debbie, Crystal, and Tim attended.
- F. No Till Workshop/Rainfall Simulator: The workshop was August 12<sup>th</sup> at the new Campbell County Fire Department 33 people attended. Kathy Buttle, NRCS in Scottsbluff, NE, brought a rainfall simulator to demonstrate infiltration and runoff on various tillage operations in Campbell County. The no-till workshop will demonstrate the benefits of utilizing the District's new no-till drill to producers. Other speakers from the NE & ND presented benefits of no-till as well. Mark Watson, NE Panhandle No Till Education Coordinator; hosted a tour on his place in Nebraska, 3 Landowners from Campbell County attended.
- G. Wind Symposium Update: The Wind Symposium was held in Laramie on August 12 and 13. Board Supervisors Brenda Schladweiler, Wanda Burget; Associate Board Member Robert Brug and Debbie attended. Approximately 600 people were registered. Those attending felt it was a very informative session.
- H. Wallis Project: A tour of the proposed Wildlife and Natural Resource Trust Fund project was held on August 24. Board Supervisors, Jason Oedekoven and Richard VanCampen; NRCS staff, Tim Kellogg and Erika Peckham; Michelle, Debbie and Crystal participated. Following discussion, Richard VanCampen moved to request the WNRTF Board tour the proposed project with Sue Wallis prior to the CCCD completing the necessary grant request. Jason Oedekoven seconded the motion. Motion approved. Michelle will contact board member, Gwyn McKee and Executive Director, Bob Budd of the WNRTF for their input.

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## 2) New Business

- A. Area Meeting: Area I Meeting will be held at The Ranch in Ucross on September 9. The board reviewed a Resolution Supporting CCAA/CCA for Sage Grouse to be submitted at the meeting. Wanda Burget moved that upon making the changes discussed to the Resolution, the Resolution should be presented at Area I Meeting. Brenda Schladweiler seconded the motion. Motion approved.
- B. State Convention: WACD State Convention will be held in Cheyenne the week of November 16<sup>th</sup>. Michelle relayed the registration information will be given to the Districts at Area I Meeting
- C. Northern Leopard Frog Petition: Michelle explained the documentation, which was submitted to WACD concerning the Northern Leopard Frog Petition

GOOD OF THE ORDER:

The next Board meeting will be October 13<sup>th</sup>, 2009 at 4:00 p.m. in the District/NRCS Conference Room.

ADJOURNMENT:

Travis Hakert, Chair adjourned the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

APPROVAL:

These minutes submitted for approval on October 13<sup>th</sup>, 2009 by: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Crystal Kellebrew  
 Administrative Assistant

These minutes are hereby approved:

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