

**CAMPBELL COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT
MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING
601 4J Court, Suite D
Gillette, WY
September 12th, 2011**

CALL TO ORDER:

Jason Oedekoven, Vice-Chair; called the meeting to order at 4:02 p.m.

Persons in attendance were: Jason Oedekoven, Vice-Chair; Richard VanCampen, Secretary/Treasurer; Brenda Schladweiler, Supervisor; Richard Bonine, Jr., Supervisor; Michelle Cook, District Manager; Debbie Hepp, Program Assistant; Crystal Kellebrew, Administrative Assistant; Jonathan Mau, Associate Member; Erika Peckham, Habitat Extension Biologist and Steve Hughes, Campbell County Commissioner Liaison. Guests in attendance were BJ Kristiansen and Elaine Kristiansen.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

The financial reports covering the previous month's activities and the current expenditures were reviewed. Forwarded First Interstate Bank (FIB) checking account balance as of July 31st, 2011 was \$26,486.99. August 2011 income was \$138,810.86. Interest earned on FIB funds was \$13.53. Funds transferred from WGIF account to FIB checking account was \$0.00. Funds transferred from FIB checking to WGIF account was \$0.00. Expenditures for the month of August totaled \$27,551.08. The August 31st, 2011 FIB checking account balance was \$137,760.30.

Forwarded Wyoming Government Investment Fund (WGIF) account balance as of July 31st, 2011 was \$63,568.80. Interest earned on WGIF funds was \$1.94. Funds transferred to FIB checking account from WGIF account was \$0.00. Funds transferred to WGIF account from FIB Checking were \$0.00. The August 31st, 2011 WGIF account balance was \$63,570.74.

The Authorized Voucher Report including checks #8054 through #8069 were presented for approval.

Richard VanCampen moved to approve the financials and voucher report. Richard Bonine Jr. seconded the motion. Motion approved.

MINUTES:

Richard VanCampen moved to approve the minutes from the August 11th, 2011 Board meeting. Richard Bonine Jr. seconded the motion. Motion approved.

EMC₂ – BJ Kristiansen

BJ Kristiansen presented a powerpoint on horizontal drilling, fracking procedures, natural gas and windpower. BJ also presented information on 22 years of sea surface temperature.

REPORTS & UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1) District Manager's Report:

- A. Centennial Ranches: Campbell County Cattlewomen would like to put together a detailed book on the centennial ranches in Campbell County. Steve Hughes reported the News Record is putting a book together of their ranch articles. Michelle will let the Cattlewomen know.
- B. Living on a Few Acres: Debbie is revising the Living on a Few Acres publication. The District will be looking into possible funding for the printing of the publication.
- C. Sheep Symposium: Whit Stewart with the University of Wyoming Cooperative Extension Office will be hosting a Sheep Symposium on October 20th, 2011. The Campbell County Conservation District and Farmers Co-op will help sponsor the event.
- D. Windbreak Workshop: Debbie will be attending a windbreak workshop in Cheyenne on September 20th-22nd, 2011.
- E. Annual Plan/Report: Heather Kerns will be putting the Annual Plan/Report together for a High School project.

NRCS REPORT:

EQIP: Construction work has started or has been completed on several existing contracts. We currently have 22 applications for potential 2012 funding. The deadline to sign-up for 2012 funding has not been set yet but will be sometime in mid November.

CSP: We are currently taking applications for this program

SAFE CRP: Conservation plans have been developed and turned over to FSA.

CTA: Tim and Crystal presented the animal track and tree ring exercise for the 1st grade classes at Pronghorn Elementary on September 9th.

Other: Amy Cunningham accepted the part-time administrative position as an Ultima employee. She will start September 26. Tim and Erika will be attending the Area 1 Meeting in Newcastle on Thursday.

OLD BUSINESS:

- A. Watershed/Grants/Updates: Fall sampling is almost complete. E-coli numbers are coming back high for spring and fall sampling seasons. Donkey/Stonepile Creek has major erosion problems that Michelle is trying to get addressed. Michelle is working with Cathy Rosenthal on erosion control for a 205J Grant. Michelle was going to write an implementation grant to do AFO/CAFO and septic projects, but she is going to hold off and write it in the spring so that the District can have good projects in place before applying for the money. World Water Monitoring Day is October 5th & 6th, for 360 7th graders from Sage Valley Jr. High. Michelle is continuing to work on water quality data, Gillette Fishing Lake and Belle Fourche River Watershed TMDLs and grant funding for this year.
- B. NACD Southwest-Pacific Regional Conference: Regional Conference will be held in Taos, NM on September 25th – 29th, 2011. Travis Hakert will attend and represent the District.
- C. Informal Restoration Task Force: The Board reviewed the Reclamation Tools for Restoring Healthy Sagebrush Ecosystems handout. The District received copies of the document to have at the office for handouts to landowners and it was in the Board packets to review.

- D. Audit: Michelle stated the District's information has been turned in to the auditor. The auditor will be here on September 16th, 2011 to review with Michelle.
- E. No-till Drill: Allen Mooney picked up the no-till drill. He will not be renting out to other landowners.
- F. Merit Badge University: Brenda will present a Soil & Water Conservation class to Boy Scouts on November 5th, 2011. The Boy Scouts have to attend the presentation in order for them to receive the Soil & Water Conservation Badge. Michelle will get the information together for Brenda to present.

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Education Activities:
Pronghorn School: Crystal conducted a tree activity while Tim presented animal tracks with 58 1st graders on September 9th, 2011.
- B. Area I Meeting: Area I Meeting will be held in Newcastle on September 15th, 2011. Travis will be the District's voting delegate. The Board will take home and review the resolutions.
- C. WACD State Convention: WACD State Convention will be held in Lander, WY on November 15th-17th, 2011. The Board needs to let Michelle know if they plan on going so she can get them registered.
- D. EMC²: Michelle stated that since the Board decided to pay BJ on an as needed basis that the District needed to come up with some potential projects. The Board discussed what some of those projects may be. Michelle will give the projects to BJ and get a cost estimate as well as a timeline for each project.

GOOD OF THE ORDER:

The next Board meeting will be held October 12th, 2011 at 4:00 p.m. in the District/NRCS Conference Room.

The November Board meeting will be held November 8th, 2011 at 4:00 p.m. in the District/NRCS Conference Room.

ADJOURNMENT:

Jason Oedekoven, Vice-Chair adjourned the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 6:03 p.m.

APPROVAL:

These minutes submitted for approval on October 12th, 2011 by: _____
Crystal Kellebrew
Administrative Assistant

These minutes are hereby approved:

