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## BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES

### May 9, 2023

Supervisors Present: Margaret Lenz, Jeff Wingfield and Chester Zwrn

Supervisors Absent: Ron Richards and Dustin Wise

Ex official Members: None

Staff Present: Shirley Deason and Tanya Fell

President Lenz declared a quorum present and convened the meeting at 7:39pm at the Wauneta Fire Hall in Wauneta, CO.

Updates were made by each board member to the mileage calendar.

Supervisor Wingfield moved to approve the April 11, 2023, meeting minutes. The motion was seconded Supervisor Zwrn and carried unanimously.

District Manager Fell presented the monthly financials. A discussion of diversifying our bank holding between Wray State Bank and First Pioneer was held and tabled until the June meeting. Supervisor Zwrn moved to accept the financial report and pay the May bills. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Wingfield and carried unanimously. The current bills paid:

- District Manager
- Tanya Fell Mileage
- Premier Accounting
- Wray Market
- Wray Berry Graphics
- North Dakota Forest Service
- Wray Feed & Bean
- WISH
- Barlow Ag Sales
- Lake State Evergreen Co
- Wray Print Shop
- Chris McAfoos - Reimbursement
- Sandra McDonald
- Margaret Lenz - Reimbursement
- Refunds for Tree Discounts

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

The applications were reviewed for the Raymond Peters Memorial Scholarship. The YCCD had three strong applicants. A motion was made by Supervisor Wingfield to fund all three applicants, Chase Buoy, Caeden Bauer and Jenna Wieser. The motion was seconded Supervisor Zwrn and carried unanimously.

The District Conservation Technician job description was reviewed. Supervisor Zwirn made a motion to approve the job description and begin publicizing the position and place advertisements in the Wray and Yuma newspapers. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Wingfield and carried unanimously.

The final contract for the Office Assistant position that was filled by Shirley Deason was reviewed and revised. Supervisor Wingfield made a motion to approve the contract with revisions for signing. The motion was seconded Supervisor Zwirn and carried unanimously.

Washington County Conservation District Manager now has a business phone that has been added to the YCCD account. A MOU will be written and the WCCD will pay their fees annually.

The Entering XXX County Conservation District highway signs are going to be double sided. DM Fell is to contact adjoining districts to see if they are willing to share the sign cost. This was also shared during the joint meeting with the Haxtun Conservation District.

The YCCD Supervisor Elections and Oath of Office will be held at the June meeting. Supervisor Dustin Wise will be stepping down. The Supervisors discussed potential replacements. DM Fell will contact the potential new supervisor to see if they are interested.

The Colorado State Conservation Board will be holding their June meeting on the Eastern Plains. The group will stay in Burlington and will travel to Bonny Reservoir to tour the grazing project area, then tour a Rejuvra field site and then return to Burlington for a STAR Plus site visit. DM Fell will invite all Bonny Steering Team members to join the tour.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

Mike & Jena McCaslin who are participating in the 50/50 Matching Grant program for 2023 have requested to amend their project. The site where a solar pump and tank were going to be installed has a dry well. They would like to transition the project to pipeline from an existing well site to the original project site. Supervisor Wingfield moved to allow the amendment to adjust the project to a pipeline installation. The motion was seconded Supervisor Zwirn and carried unanimously.

The Wray and Idalia FFA chapters were a huge help during the annual tree sales and distribution. Each chapter will have their hours documented to Earth Team. The YCCD would also like to make contributions to each chapter for their assistance. Supervisor Wingfield made a motion to send \$1200 to the Wray FFA and \$600 to the Idalia FFA. In addition, Marie and DeeDee Smith will also each receive \$55 for their help on Saturday. The motion was seconded Supervisor Zwirn and carried unanimously.

The NRCS Civil Rights Partners Check and MOA were tabled until the June meeting.

The YCCD Bylaws Update and Policies were tabled until the June meeting.

Summer Day Camp opportunities were discussed as to what YCCD could do or participate in. YCCD DM Fell is to contact the following individuals:

- Yuma Conservation District to get additional information about the brown bag program.
- Ardy at the Wray Museum about Huck Finn Days.
- City of Wray about a farmers' market.

Supervisor Wingfield is contacting City Manager James DePue regarding if trees are being placed in the dam drainages. Supervisor Wingfield will also get an update on doing a dam tour.

A motion was made by Supervisor Wingfield to dispense with an executive session. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Zwirn and carried unanimously.

President Lenz adjourned the meeting at 9:28pm.

The next YCCD meeting will be held June 20th at 5:30pm at the NRCS conference room in Wray.

Minutes submitted by: Tanya Fell, District Manager

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Dustin Wise, Secretary/Treasurer

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Date