



Crook County Natural Resource District (CCNRD) March 7th Regular Board Meeting Minutes

CALL MEETING TO ORDER The meeting was called to order at 10:06 am by Chairman Wayne Garman at the Sundance USDA Service Center.

ATTENDANCE

Board: Wayne Garman, Lily Altaffer, Casey Devish, Kim Fundaun, Wanda Burget

Employees: Sarah Anderson, Bridget Helms, Jessica Halverson, *Call in:* Carmen Horne-McIntyre

Guests: Keela Deaton, NRCS District Conservationist

MONTHLY UPDATES

FSA Update FSA will host an open house on March 23 from 12:00-5:00 pm.

NRCS Update Keela is back in the office. Of the 66 EQIP applications submitted only 4 were funded. She updated the Board on upcoming funding for EQIP/CSP over the next 5 years. NRCS is currently working through the details with the upcoming funding, hoping projects not funded through EQIP/CSP can be funded this way.

Water Quality Program Updates by Carmen & Jessica

Grant updates The WDA Water Quality grant application is due tomorrow. This grant would cover personnel time, the shadeball pilot project, and equipment such as pressure transducers to collect flow data at sample sites. The NACD Urban Ag Community grant is due next Monday. This is a \$10,000 planning grant for outreach activities to hold with the compost bin and possible future rain barrel programs, co-op activities with UW extension, and an education/workshop component. The sampling analysis plan (SAP) has been submitted to the DEQ for review and approval. Carmen is anticipating an amendment if other sites are added for nutrient monitoring. Carmen and Jessie will meet next week to discuss 319 grant opportunities for this fall as the current agreement ends December 2024, and she would like an overlap in grant funding if possible. They hope to put out an RFP for BMP projects in March with an April deadline to see if there's an interest in doing more projects in the impaired stretches of the Belle Fourche.

Estate Planning Workshop Jessie attended both workshops and they went well. John Hewlett, UW Extension and Caleb Carter, WCNRD presented to 11 attendees in Sundance and 7 in Newcastle. A regional workshop would like to be planned for the fall.

Forestry Program Update by Sarah

USFS MOU Sarah presented the most recent USFS MOU updates to the board and explained the changes. A motion to approve the amended USFS MOU was made by Wanda and seconded by Kim. Motion carried. Sarah has attended the following meetings: Black Hills Resilient Forest Partnership Mtgs, NFAB Mtgs. **Grant Updates** Grant projects continue to be delayed due to snow. Currently the Forestry/wildlife grants has 793 acres allocated in Crook County and 180 acres in Weston County for a total of \$372,000 for 19 contracts. The BLM Pine Ridge Fuels Management grant has 72 acres of hazardous fuels reduction projects totaling \$45,000 for 11 contracts and is currently 58% complete.

Office Manager Update Bridget is continuing to add new pages and information to the website, please continue to check it and offer suggestions to improve the website. The conservation easement questionnaire was added last month, we still have not gotten any responses. District



supervisor and employee training has been rescheduled to April 11/12 in Cheyenne or virtually. The training and test will need to be taken prior to June 30, 2024.

Financials

Line Item Change A motion to approve Resolution 3.7.2023 was made by Lily and seconded by Wanda. Motion carried. A motion to pay the bills was made by Wanda and seconded by Lily. Motion carried. All checks were signed, and the reconciliation reports prepared by Bridget were reviewed and signed.

Approve February 7th Minutes A motion to approve the minutes with an edit to the motion for office manager hours was made by Lily and seconded by Wanda. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Tree Program update to date 264 trees have been sold. More advertising will be done in the remaining weeks of the sale.

NEW BUSINESS

Hidden Canyon Estates Phase II Subdivision Soils review reports were presented by Bridget and reviewed by the Board. A motion to approve the Hidden Canyon Estates Phase II Subdivision was made by Lily and seconded by Kim. Motion carried.

Time off requests for employees were approved.


At 12:00 pm the CCNRD Board was joined by the Campbell County Conservation District virtually via Zoom for the joint board meeting.

Motion to adjourn was made by Kim at 2:24 pm.

Office Manager Signature:

 Date: 4-4-2023

Chairman Signature:

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