

**REGULAR MEETING OF SUPERVISORS
LARAMIE RIVERS CONSERVATION DISTRICT
5015 STONE RD, LARAMIE, WY**

**September 25th, 2024
MINUTES**

PRESENT: Ruth Shepherd, Vice-Chair; Carol Price, Treasurer; Zach Iddings, Supervisor; Larry Munn, Supervisor; Martin Curry, District Manager; Holly Dyer, Resource Specialist; Natasha Dangler, Office Administrator; Arley Anderson, LRCD seasonal employee; Chris Bové, NRCS District Conservationist; Mary Fick-Monteith, public.

ABSENT: Mandy Marney, Board Chair

1. **Call to Order:** The regular meeting of the Laramie Rivers Conservation District was called to order by Ruth Shepherd, LRCD Vice-Chair, at 12:04PM.
2. **Hot Topics & Items for Review:** The folder was passed around for review.
 - a. Laramie City Counsel – Seasonal Ag Report 9-24
 - i. Ruth submitted her application for consideration for the Ranch Advisory Commission.
 - b. WDA Comment Letters:
 - i. BLM HDD Vegetation Management EA_9-4-24
3. **Public Comments:**
 - a. Brenna Litynski, University of Wyoming Extension Educator, presented her printed artwork, Wyoming Winter, for the 2024 WACD annual fundraiser auction
4. **NRCS Report:** Chris Bové, District Conservationist, provided the most recent project updates for NRCS. Report attached.
 - a. Chris reported that Jesus will be acting District Conservationist at the Cheyenne/Laramie County field office for the next several months.
 - b. Chris will attend the WACD Annual Convention in November.
 - c. A new forester has accepted the position for the Laramie field office, but a start date has not yet been determined. The range conservation position remains open. There is also no anticipation to replace engineering staff at the Laramie office.
 - d. Wyoming can use the IRA funds for easements.
5. **LRCD Consent Agenda: MOTION by Larry Munn to APPROVE the September Consent Agenda, seconded by Zach Iddings. MOTION CARRIED. All minutes and reports attached.**
 - a. August 21st, 2024 Meeting Minutes, as corrected
 - b. September 19th, 2024 Special Meeting Minutes, as corrected
 - c. August 2024 Financial Record
 - d. August 2024 Treasurer's Report
 - e. September 2024 Voucher Report

6. **District Manager Report: The Board ACKNOWLEDGES RECEIPT of the September 25th, 2024, report from Martin Curry, LRCD District Manager. Report attached.**
 - a. Martin gave a brief overview from the Area II meeting in Lusk, WY.
 - b. Martin provided a general recap from the Special Meeting that was held on September 19th, 2024.
 - i. The comparative market analysis reports were presented for the Board's review.
 - ii. Discussion regarding the renewal of the Vasquez lease agreement occurred.
 1. **MOTION by Carol Price to END the long-term lease with Johnny Vasquez and offer a new month-to-month agreement, with the option to renew every 30 days, until the property sells, seconded by Larry Munn. Zach opposed the renewal. MOTION CARRIED.**
 - iii. Additional Discussion occurred regarding retaining a portion of the property for future use.
 1. Larry is adamant that the District should stop getting involved in real estate transactions.
 2. **MOTION by Zach Iddings to SELL the entire property, as a whole, through Kerry McIntyre and One West Realty, for the list price between \$719,000 - \$729,000 and include a proposed commission of 1.5% to the seller and 2.5% to the buyer, not to exceed 5% total, seconded by Larry Munn. MOTION CARRIED.**
7. **Watershed & Rangeland Resource Specialist Report: The Board ACKNOWLEDGES RECEIPT of the September 25th, 2024, report from Holly Dyer, LRCD Resource Specialist. Report attached.**
 - a. Rural Cost Share Applications:
 - i. **MOTION by Carol Price to APPROVE the following living snow fence cost share applications, seconded by Zach Iddings. MOTION CARRIED.**
 1. Roberts – Living Snow Fence, \$794.50
 2. Guenzel – Living Snow Fence, \$817.15
 3. Merrill – Living Snow Fence, \$1,000.00
 4. Stevenson – Living Snow Fence, \$919.24
 - ii. The group had a general discussion about the overall increase in the cost of business with the rise of material and labor prices. The District will consider reevaluating the cost-share allotments for future projects.
 - iii. **MOTION by Larry Munn to APPROVE the following rural cost share application, seconded by Ruth Shepherd. MOTION CARRIED.**
 1. Flying Heart Ranch – cross fencing and stock tank development, \$7,500.00
8. **District Administrator & Bookkeeper's Report: The Board ACKNOWLEDGES RECEIPT of the September 25th, 2024, report from Natasha Dangler, LRCD Office Administrator & Bookkeeper. Report attached.**
9. **Adjournment:**
Ruth Shepherd, LRCD Vice-Chair, ADJOURNED the regular meeting at 3:12 PM.