

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

October 15th, 2024
MINUTES

PRESENT: Mandy Marney, Chair; 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; Jennifer Curran, Deputy County Attorney, public; Bailey Quick, Albany County Grants Manager, public; Reba Epler, public; Joshua St. Jeor, public; Mary Fick-Monteith, public.

1. **Call to Order:** The regular meeting of the Laramie Rivers Conservation District was called to order by Mandy Marney, LRCD Chair, at 12:03PM.
2. **Hot Topics & Items for Review:** The Hot Topics folder was passed around for review.
 - a. USFS – Britania Land Exchange
 - b. WY SEO – HF Sinclair Exchange Petition
 - c. WDA Comment Letters:
 - i. KFO Dry Creek Trona Mine Project_9-20-24
 - ii. RSFO FEIS-PRMP PROTEST WDA_9-20-24
3. **Public Comments:** Introductions were made, and lunch was served.
 - a. Reba Epler presented an invitation to the Wyoming Groundwater Panel on October 16th, 2024. Water Law Panel poster attached.
 - b. Jennifer Curran spoke on behalf of the County in regard to the Clark Street property.
 - i. Currently, the County offices need expenditure, with the vision of adding a 2nd District Court and subsequent offices and staffing to Albany County in the future.
 - ii. The County is interested in submitting a private purchase offer for the entire 12.8-acre parcel that the District currently owns.
 - iii. Jennifer stated that the next Council meeting would be held at 6pm on October 15th, 2024. If further communication is needed, Jennifer will reach out to Martin.
 1. \$729,000 is the list price for the total parcel.
 - a. As of this meeting, no contract has been signed with a realtor.
 2. The County is also willing to work and negotiate with Johnny Vasquez regarding a long-term lease agreement and the potential to purchase a subdivided piece of land from the County, at a later date.
4. **NRCS Report:** Martin Curry, LRCD District Manager, provided the most recent project updates for NRCS. No changes were noted. Report attached.
5. **LRCD Consent Agenda:**
 - a. It was noted that some Supervisors would like to discuss and approve the monthly financials outside of the general consent agenda.
 - i. Natasha will make these changes to the next meeting agenda.
 - b. **MOTION by Carol Price to APPROVE the September meeting minutes, as corrected, seconded by Zach Iddings. MOTION CARRIED. Minutes attached.**

- c. **MOTION by Ruth Shepherd to APPROVE the October Financial Statement under the current consent agenda, seconded by Zach Iddings. MOTION CARRIED.**
Reports attached.
 - i. September 2024 Financial Record
 - ii. September 2024 Treasurer’s Report
 - iii. October 2024 Voucher Report
6. **District Manager Report: The Board ACKNOWLEDGES RECEIPT of the October 15th, 2024, report from Martin Curry, LRCD District Manager. Report attached.**
- a. The following were approved for LRCD staff attendance:
 - i. **MOTION by Carol Price to APPROVE Holly Dyer’s attendance at the NACD National Convention in Salt Lake City, UT in February 2025, seconded by Ruth Shepherd. MOTION CARRIED.**
 - ii. **MOTION by Carol Price to APPROVE Martin Curry’s attendance at the Society of Range Management’s annual meeting in Casper in November 2024, seconded by Zach Iddings. MOTION CARRIED.**
 - b. New Property:
 - i. **MOTION by Carol Price to list the entire property with Kerry McIntyre at \$729,000, seconded by Ruth Shepherd.**
 - 1. Supervisors discussed the pros and cons of listing the property with a realtor.
 - a. Zach Iddings and Mandy Marney would like to advertise for closed bids.
 - b. **Carol Price and Ruth Shepherd redact the original motion.**
 - 2. Mandy Marney exited the meeting due to prior travel commitments.
 - a. Vice-chair, Ruth Shepherd, continued conducting the meeting.
 - 3. Additional discussion occurred regarding the ethical obligation with listing the property publicly rather than accepting private offers.
 - 4. **Supervisors agree to continue to sell the property with Kerry McIntyre and One West Realty using the motion that was carried at the September Board Meeting.**
 - a. Martin will contact the county and let them know that the property will be listed for public sale.
7. **Watershed & Rangeland Resource Specialist Report: The Board ACKNOWLEDGES RECEIPT of the October 15th, 2024, report from Holly Dyer, LRCD Resource Specialist. Report attached.**
- a. County Notice Reviews: Holly asked if the board would like to continue to see local zoning changes presented in her report.
 - i. The Board would like to continue to see Holly’s review of zoning and land-use change requests as she has been presenting them for her monthly report.
 - b. Rural Cost Share Applications:
 - i. **MOTION by Carol Price to APPROVE the following rural cost share application, seconded by Larry Munn. MOTION CARRIED.**
 - 1. St. Jeor, Rebel Ranch – Solar Well Development, \$7,500.00
 - ii. **MOTION by Carol Price to APPROVE the following rural cost share application, with the noted contingencies, seconded by Ruth Shepherd. Zach abstained. MOTION CARRIED.**
 - 1. Croonberg Ranch – Water Development, \$7,500.00
 - a. Holly will reach out to the NRCS for the original project design.

- b. Need to see what BLM's requirements are for project installation and maintenance.
- c. It was recommended that an engineer reviews the new proposed design.
 - i. In-depth discussion and brainstorming regarding ways engineering can be expedited for time-sensitive projects.

8. **District Administrator & Bookkeeper's Report: The Board ACKNOWLEDGES RECEIPT of the October 15th, 2024, report from Natasha Dangler, LRCO Office Administrator & Bookkeeper. Report attached.**

9. **Adjournment:
Ruth Shepherd, LRCO Vice-Chair, ADJOURNED the regular meeting at 3:10 PM.**