

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

**January 24th, 2024
MINUTES**

PRESENT: Ruth Shepherd, Board Chair; Mandy Marney, Vice President; Carol Price, Treasurer; Zach Iddings, Supervisor; Larry Munn, Supervisor; Martin Curry, District Manager; Holly Dyer, Resource Specialist; Natasha Dangler, Office Administrator; Chris Bovè, NRCS District Conservationist; Rusty Schwartz, NRCS Area Conservationist; Britt Morgan, Public.

1. **Call to Order:** Regular Meeting of Laramie Rivers Conservation District was called to order by Ruth Shepherd, LRCD Board Chair, at 12:05 PM. Ruth asked Mandy Marney, Vice Chair, to run the meeting.
 - a. Hot Topics folder was passed around for review.
2. **Public Comments:** Britt Morgan, Associate Principal with Plan One Architects, provided a breakdown of how to acquire project management guidance as well as a general outline of the RFP process flow.
 - i. Rusty Schwartz, NRCS, mentioned that they should reach out to their leasing department as soon as possible if both agencies were to stay together in one building.
3. **NRCS Report:** Chris Bovè, NRCS District Conservationist, provided the most recent project updates for NRCS. **Report attached.**
 - a. Chris provided a brief recap of the Local Work Group meeting that occurred on January 24th, 2024.
 - b. Chris also provided an update on the status of the vehicles that will be sold and removed from the current property.
4. **Approval of Minutes: MOTION by Carol Price to APPROVE the December 20th, 2023, Regular Meeting Minutes, seconded by Zach Iddings. MOTION CARRIED.**
5. **New Business:**
 - a. 2024 LRCD Elections:
 - i. **MOTION by Ruth Shepherd to nominate Mandy Marney as District Chair for the 2024/2025 election cycle. Carol Price MOVES to cease nominations. All for, none opposed. MOTION CARRIED.**
 - ii. **MOTION by Carol Price to nominate Ruth Shepherd as District Vice-Chair for the 2024/2025 election cycle. Zach Iddings MOVES to cease nominations. All for, none opposed. MOTION CARRIED.**
 - iii. **MOTION by Ruth Shepherd to nominate Carol Price as District Treasurer for the 2024/2025 election cycle. Mandy Marney MOVES to cease nominations. All for, none opposed. MOTION CARRIED.**
6. **Old Business:**
 - a. Extended Leave Policy: Mandy Marney presented the updated Employee Policy Manual for review. Board Supervisors were asked to review the updates that Natasha incorporated and come back to the February meeting with comments for discussion.

7. **District Manager Report:** The Board ACKNOWLEDGES RECEIPT of the January 24th, 2024, report from Martin Curry, LRCD District Manager. **Report attached.**
 - a. Laramie Peak Wildlife Habitat Management Area (LPWHMA) partnership request: **MOTION by Carol Price to APPROVE the \$2,400.00 tire tank purchase for the LPWHMA spring development project, seconded by Larry Munn. MOTION CARRIED.**
 - b. Martin presented an industrial siting letter from the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) regarding a future building site at Mountain Cement.
 - i. Supervisors would like to know what the impact will look like for the local community regarding traffic, roads and air quality.
 - ii. Martin will draft comments to present for review at the February meeting.
8. **Watershed & Resource Specialist Report:** The Board ACKNOWLEDGES RECEIPT of the January 24th, 2024, report from Holly Dyer, LRCD Resource Specialist. **Report attached.**
 - a. Compost Bins: Holly presented some survey data that she collected on social media to see if the general public would be interested in purchasing compost bins from our Annual Tree Sale. The Board agreed to use Locally Led funding to make the initial purchase of a single pallet of 18 compost bins. The District will recoup the funding through the tree sale.
 - b. Rural Cost Share Applications:
 - i. **MOTION by Carol Price to APPROVE the following bank stabilization rural cost share request, seconded by Zach Iddings. MOTION CARRIED.**
 1. Bowfiddle - \$7500.00
9. **District Administrator & Bookkeeper's Report:** The Board ACKNOWLEDGES RECEIPT of the January 24th, 2024, report from Natasha Dangler, LRCD Office Administrator & Bookkeeper. **Report attached.**
 - a. 2024 Jubilee Days Sponsorship: **MOTION by Ruth Shepherd to SUPPORT Laramie Jubilee Days at the Saddle Club sponsorship level for one year for \$500.00, seconded by Zach Iddings. MOTION CARRIED.**
10. **Voucher & Treasurer's Report:** **MOTION by Ruth Shepherd to APPROVE vouchers 1159 to 1185 from the December 2023 Treasurer's Report, seconded by Zach Iddings. MOTION CARRIED.**
11. **Financial Record:** **MOTION by Ruth Shepherd to APPROVE the Statement of Financial Record for December 2023, seconded by Larry Munn. MOTION CARRIED.**
12. **Items for Review:**
 - a. WDA Comment Letters:
 - i. Carbon Capture and Storage Exemption Proposed Rule_12-26-23
 - ii. USDA NFS Climbing Opportunities_1-5-24
 - iii. NFS Proposed Directive National Forest System Monitoring_1-9-24
 - iv. Dell Creek and Forest Park Elk Feedgrounds_1-11-24
 - v. Draft Biological Evaluation for the Rodenticides_1-16-24
 - vi. RSFO RMP DEIS_ACEC_1-16-24
 - vii. BLM Section 368 Energy Corridor Revisions NOI_1-22-24
 - viii. WACD Rock Springs RMP Comments _1.17.24
13. **Adjournment:** **MOTION by Carol Price to ADJOURN the meeting, seconded by Ruth Shepherd. MOTION CARRIED. Mandy Marney, Board Chair, ADJOURNED the meeting at 2:22 PM**