

Wyoming Wildlife and Natural Resource Trust
MEETING MINUTES
April 11, 2017
Best Western Plaza Hotel, Thermopolis, WY

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 9:30 AM by Chairman Kim Floyd. Chairman Floyd introduced new board member Christi Haswell and congratulated her, Banister and Fulton on their appointments to the Board.

Board members in attendance: Ken Banister, Pidge Fulton, Christi Haswell, Mike Massie, Don Schramm, and Esther Wagner. Also in attendance were Executive Director Bob Budd and Grants Manager Robin Haynes.

Absent: Jacelyn Downey, Steve Meadows

Attendance:

Trout Unlimited – Cory Toye, Jeff Streeter, Hillary Walrath, Nick Walrath, Tommy Thompson, Leslie Steen

Wyoming Game and Fish Department – Kerry Olson, Ray Bredehoft, Nick Scribner

The Nature Conservancy – Richard Garrett

Wyoming Disabled Hunters – Pat Winslow

Merlyn Ballinger, Landowner

Chairman Floyd called the meeting to order and thanked everyone for attending.

Minutes: Floyd asked the board to review the minutes from the February 9, 2017 board meeting.

Massie moved, Banister seconded the motion to approve the minutes of February 9, 2017. Motion carried.

Election of Officers: Discussion.

Fulton moved, Banister seconded the motion to elect Floyd as Chairman of the Board for one (1) year. Motion carried. Massie moved, Fulton seconded the motion to elect Meadows as Vice Chairman for one (1) year, Motion carried.

Financial Update: Budd updated the Board on the status of the Fund accounts.

Project Status Review: Budd reviewed the status of the projects and close out status of old projects.

Legislative review: Budd provided an overview of the 2017 Legislative session.

2017 Partner of the Year: Budd asked the Board to consider nominees and email names to Budd. 2017 Partner of the Year to be selected in Executive Session in June, and presented in August.

Public Comment:

Pat Winslow, Wyoming Disabled Hunters – thanked the Board for the recent grant.
 The Nature Conservancy – Richard Garrett thanked the Board for their continued support.
 Ray Bredehoft, Wyoming Game and Fish – thanked the Board for their continued assistance with the projects and program.

Project Ranking and Site Visit Scheduling:

Budd gave an overview of how the project ranking meeting will proceed.

Number	Name of Project	Location	Sponsor	Type	Total Cost	Request	LVG	Score
03-17-002	Long Creek Aspen – Schramm, Meadows	Fremont	USFS	Asp	\$525,200.00	\$68,580.00	6.66	
03-17-008	Nelson Diversion -	Uinta	TU	Rvr	\$44,475.00	\$13,000.00	2.42	
03-17-010	7E Little Medicine – Massie Medicine Bow Conservation District NOT TU	Carbon	TU	Rvr	\$66,750.00	\$8,400.00	6.95	
03-17-027	LaBarge Fence Modification – Budd and Meadows or Schramm	Lincoln	WGFD	Fnc	\$140,712.00	\$33,000.00	3.26	
03-17-009	Beaver Creek Riparian -	Uinta	TU	Rvr	\$155,000.00	\$30,000.00	4.17	
03-17-012	Upper Gros Ventre Tributaries -Meadows	Teton	TU	Rvr	\$416,000.00	\$165,000.00	1.52	
03-17-018	Coco Belle Fence – Meadows	Teton	WGFD	Fnc	\$86,724.00	\$21,000.00	3.13	
03-17-020	Powder River Invasives –	Campbell	WGFD	InS	\$207,000.00	\$60,000.00	2.45	
03-17-024	Soda Lake Vegetation -	Sublette	WGFD	Wet	\$105,625.00	\$18,000.00	4.87	
03-17-025	Lynch Fence Conversion -	Sublette	WGFD	Fnc	\$49,025.00	\$10,000.00	3.90	
03-17-017	Cabin Creek Conifers -	Park	WGFD	Rng	\$272,250.00	\$100,000.00	1.72	
03-17-022	Alkali Creek Culvert -	Fremont	WGFD	Rvr	\$229,756.00	\$105,000.00	1.19	
03-17-023	Cliff Creek -	Sublette	WGFD	Rvr	\$91,253.00	\$22,500.00	3.06	
03-17-030	Hoback Rim Fence -	Sublette	WGFD	Fnc	\$733,700.00	\$119,500.00	5.14	
03-17-042	North Piney Wetlands -	Sublette	SCCD	Wet	\$87,200.00	\$40,000.00	1.18	
03-17-001	Rock River Invasives II -	Albany	LRCD	InS	\$83,400.00	\$30,000.00	1.78	
03-17-003	Prospect Creek Fence -	Hot Springs	TNC	Fnc	\$39,000.00	\$17,500.00	1.23	
03-17-011	LaBarge Creek Culverts -	Lincoln	TU	Rvr	\$462,424.00	\$198,000.00	1.34	
03-17-019	Little Red Creek Juniper II -	Natrona	WGFD	InS	\$248,480.00	\$125,000.00	0.99	
03-17-031	Sheep Mountain Fence -	Albany	WGFD	Fnc	\$281,200.00	\$127,500.00	1.21	
03-17-033	Ferris Mountain Rx II -	Carbon	BLM	Rng	\$307,000.00	\$90,000.00	2.41	
03-17-035	Wind River Rookery CE -	Fremont	JHLT	CE	\$502,700.00	\$120,000.00	3.19	
03-17-036	Willow Lake CE -	Sublette	JHLT	CE	\$992,190.00	\$161,334.00	5.15	
03-17-006	Upper Tongue River II – Budd, Haswell, Downey	Sheridan	SCCD	Rvr	\$295,200.00	\$100,000.00	1.95	
03-17-037	MJ Ranch Zembo CE -	Sublette	WSGLT	CE	\$701,100.00	\$156,600.00	3.48	

03-17-040	Bousman CE – Budd?, Meadows	Sublette	WSGLT	CE	\$1,874,700.00	\$450,000.00	3.17
03-17-004	Jackson Hole Cheatgrass - Meadows	Teton	TCWP	InS	\$18,410.00	\$8,000.00	1.30
03-17-021	North Laramie Aspen -	Converse	WGFD	Asp	\$119,800.00	\$62,000.00	0.93
03-17-034	Bow Fiddle - Massie	Albany	LRCD	Rvr	\$310,875.00	\$126,525.00	1.46
03-17-041	Boden Arnold CE -	Carbon	WSGLT	CE	\$674,700.00	\$150,000.00	3.50
03-17-007	Rawlins Pond -	Carbon	City	Wet	\$1,354,884.00	\$187,536.00	6.22
03-17-028	Natrona Big Sagebrush - Wagner	Natrona	WGFD	Rng	\$111,050.00	\$55,000.00	1.02
03-17-029	Ford Ranch Riparian -	Campbell	WGFD	Rvr	\$61,700.00	\$30,000.00	1.06
03-17-026	Steamboat Aspen - Haswell	Sheridan	WGFD	Asp	\$150,280.00	\$78,000.00	0.93
03-17-038	Cuin Ranch CE – Massie	Carbon	WSGLT	CE	\$474,700.00	\$100,000.00	3.75
03-17-039	Condict CE - Massie	Carbon	WSGLT	CE	\$7,574,700.00	\$1,875,000.00	3.04
03-17-005	Wood River Riparian -	Park	USFS	Rvr	\$143,470.00	\$65,000.00	1.21
03-17-014	Mill Creek H2O -	Lincoln	LCCD	H2O	\$194,530.00	\$59,078.00	2.29
03-17-015	Cokeville Tri-Diversion -	Lincoln	CWID	Rvr	\$541,452.00	\$91,010.00	4.95
03-17-016	Mill Creek Sagebrush -	Lincoln	LCCD	Rng	\$58,150.00	\$30,150.00	0.93
03-17-013	Little Mountain Aspen – Massie moved to defer this project, Banister seconded. Motion carried.	Sweetwater	MFF	Asp	\$110,400.00	\$66,000.00	0.67
03-17-032	Cottonwood Ranch Habitat III – Banister moved to defer, Massie seconded. Motion carried.	Sublette	Y2C	Rng	\$334,920.00	\$239,637.00	0.40
Total					\$21,232,085.00	\$ 5,612,850.00	2.78

Budd asked the Board to notify him of any projects that they wish to be included in the site visits.

Old Business:

Rawlins Fence Conversion (09-16-006) – Request for additional information – Budd provided additional information, and this project is removed from consideration.

Bitterroot Ranch Tributary Reconnect Project (East Fork Tributaries) (03-14-018) – Request for additional funding – Cory Toye, Trout Unlimited

Massie moved, Schramm seconded the motion to amend the amount of the grant from \$150,000 to \$190,000. Motion carried.

New Business: Budd discussed plans regarding the tour for TRW (Travel Recreation and Wildlife) legislative committee near Greybull on April 25. Discussion followed.

Upcoming Meetings: June 20 – Pinedale – Hampton Inn & Suites
August 14 – 15 – Baggs (Accommodations in Saratoga)
October 3 – Ranch A, Beulah (accommodations on October 2nd)

Adjournment: Chairman Floyd adjourned the meeting at 1:44 PM.