

Wyoming Wildlife and Natural Resource Trust
MEETING MINUTES
August 9, 2016
Hampton Inn & Suites Green River

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 1:15 PM by Chairman Kim Floyd. Floyd called the roll. Board members in attendance: Ken Banister, Jacelyn Downey, Steve Meadows, JoAnn Pearson, Don Schramm. Also in attendance were Executive Director Bob Budd and Grants Manager Robin Haynes.

Absent: Pidge Fulton, Mike Massie, Esther Wagner

Attendance:

Wyoming Game and Fish Department – Kerry Olson, Jill Randall
BLM – Rusty Kaiser

Minutes: Floyd asked the board to review the minutes from the June 7, 2016 board meeting.

The following changes are to be made to the minutes:

Massie did not second the motion on Little Red Creek Juniper. Meadows moved and Schramm seconded the motion.

Red Canyon Cheatgrass site visit was done by Meadows and Budd, not Schramm

Rendezvous Park Wetlands site visit was done by Meadows only.

Squirrel Creek Fire Rehab site visit was done by Floyd and Budd, not Massie and Banister.

Meadows moved, Banister seconded the motion to approve the minutes of June 7, 2016 with the changes noted. Motion carried unanimously.

Financial Report: Budd reported that there has not been much change at this time. We are now in the new fiscal year and all payments will be made from the income budget (517). We are in good shape, and have adequate funding to fund upcoming projects. Discussion followed.

Project Status Reports: We are continuing to make good headway on close out of projects. The contracts have been completed for all of the new projects (03-16-XXX)

Schramm reported on three projects tabled at the last meeting.

Red Creek Currant – could have issues

Popo Agie River Lander - under review

South Pass Aspen – discussion followed

Old Business: Budd stated that he has completed Haynes' review. The board will address the review of the executive director in executive session today.

Budd would like to do a "feature" project on the website to show progress being made, narrative of what the projects are, etc. Budd asked the board to look at the website, make recommendations as to what projects to feature and help make this possible.

North Gateway Open Space – 03-16-007 Meadows asked if the board wanted to revisit this project. Pearson gave an update of the project. She stated that this proposed project will provide some open space for birds, animals, and it would continue as an open space. Downey stated that she visited the water way project in Green River and that there was visible, public signage that the WVNRT supported/provided this project. Meadows asked if Downey sees a benefit to wildlife. The easement would be owned by the Sheridan Community Land Trust, the land is owned by the city of Sheridan. Budd provided additional insight to the project. This is not a wildlife project. Discussion followed.

Schramm made the motion to fund the project not to exceed \$63,400, matching what the Sheridan Community Land Trust at the level of 10% of the total easement. Meadows seconded the motion. Floyd asked Haynes to call the roll.

Banister – no
Downey – yes
Meadows – yes
Pearson – yes
Schramm – yes
Floyd - yes

Motion carries.

New Business: There was no new business discussed.

Next Meeting: Thursday, September 22 – Casper C'mon Inn of Casper, 10 AM

Meeting moved to executive session.

Executive Session:

Adjournment: Chairman Floyd adjourned the meeting at 2:59 PM.

Wyoming Range Mule Deer Habitat – Jill Randall, WGFD
Rusty Kaiser, BLM

Jill and Rusty presented information on a proposed project that they will be submitting an application for in September 2017. The NEPA and Cultural are done for the whole project.

At this time, Budd and Floyd presented Jill Randall with the WWNRT Partner of the Year award.