

Wyoming Wildlife and Natural Resource Trust
MEETING MINUTES
December 4, 2017
Wyoming Game and Fish Conference Room
3030 Energy Lane, Casper, WY 82604

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 9:00 AM by Chairman Kim Floyd. Floyd called the roll. Board members in attendance: Ken Banister, Jacelyn Downey, Pidge Fulton, Christi Haswell, Mike Massie, Steve Meadows, Don Schramm and Esther Wagner. Also in attendance were Executive Director Bob Budd and Grants Manager Robin Haynes.

Absent:

Attendance:

Other participants:

Ducks Unlimited: Martin Grenier, Tom Peterson

Wyoming Game and Fish: Paul Dey, Ian Tator, Ray Bredehoft (via conference call)

The Nature Conservancy: Richard Garrett

Bureau of Land Management: Tom Bills

Minutes: Floyd asked the board to review the minutes from the October 3, 2017 board meeting.

Banister moved, Fulton seconded, to approve the minutes of October 3, 2017 as edited. Motion carried unanimously.

Financial Update: Budd stated that the budget has been completed and the budget hearing has been set for January 8, 2018. Budd's recent meeting with the Joint Travel Commission was discussed.

Project Status Review: Budd reviewed the current project status report and informed the Board that projects are in good standing. Discussion followed.

Video Update: Budd updated the Board on the status of the WWNRT video produced by Flickfinity, LLC prior to showing the rough draft to the Board and guests. After previewing the video, he asked the Board for their input on changes and other recommendations. Discussion followed.

Project Funding Allocation:

Budd recommends that the same process be followed as in the past. Site visits were performed throughout the fall.

Floyd asked the board and guests to review the project list.

<u>03-17-032</u>	<u>Cottonwood Ranch Habitat III</u>	Request \$125,000	Sublette County
	Recommendation for full funding at \$125,000		
<u>03-17-039</u>	<u>Condict Conservation Easement</u>	Request \$1,500,000	Carbon County
	Recommendation for full funding at \$1,500,000		
<u>03-17-040</u>	<u>Bousman Conservation Easement</u>	Request \$450,000	Sublette County
	Recommendation for full funding at \$450,000		
<u>09-17-013</u>	<u>Snyder Place CE</u>	Request for \$175,000	Sublette County
	Recommendation to defer		
<u>09-17-015</u>	<u>Horse Ranch CE</u>	Request for \$175,000	Sublette County
	Withdrawn		
<u>09-17-017</u>	<u>Red Desert – Hoback II</u>	Request for \$265,000	Sublette County
	Recommendation to defer		
<u>09-17-008</u>	<u>Deer-Elk Ecology</u>	Request for \$145,275	Sweetwater County
	Recommendation to fund at \$145,000		
<u>09-17-001</u>	<u>Prospect Land and Cattle CE</u>	Request for \$799,500	Hot Springs County
	Recommendation for full funding at \$799,500		
<u>09-17-004</u>	<u>Bates Hole Juniper</u>	Request for \$50,000	Natrona County
	Wagner provided additional information and recommends funding at \$200,000 for the additional work		
<u>09-17-010</u>	<u>Green Mountain Aspen II</u>	Request for \$200,000	Fremont County
	Recommendation for full funding at \$200,000		
<u>09-17-011</u>	<u>South Pass Aspen II</u>	Request for \$250,000	Fremont County
	Recommendation for full funding at \$250,000		
<u>09-17-014</u>	<u>Strube Wetland CE</u>	Request for \$16,000	Fremont County
	Recommendation to defer		
<u>09-17-016</u>	<u>SW Sagebrush Restoration</u>	Request for \$125,000	Carbon County
	Recommendation for full funding at \$125,000		
<u>09-17-007</u>	<u>Monolith Ranch</u>	Request for \$168,028	Albany County
	Recommendation for funding at \$160,000		
<u>09-17-002</u>	<u>Needmore Land and Cattle</u>	Request for \$30,726	Albany County
	Recommendation for funding at \$30,000		
<u>09-17-009</u>	<u>Stockade Beaver II</u>	Request for \$200,000	Weston County
	Recommendation for full funding at \$200,000		

<u>09-17-005</u>	<u>Fortification Elk Monitoring</u>	Request for \$92,600 Recommendation for full funding at \$92,600	Campbell County
<u>09-17-003</u>	<u>BHS Russian Olive</u>	Request \$30,000 Recommendation for full funding at \$30,000	Johnson County
<u>09-17-012</u>	<u>West Pass Creek</u>	Request \$328,000 Recommendation for full funding at \$328,000	Sheridan County
<u>09-17-006</u>	<u>North Park Pond</u>	Request \$250,000 Recommendation for funding at \$100,000	Sheridan County

Haswell departed the meeting early and voted in concurrence of these projects as presented prior to departing from the meeting.

Consent List: Floyd asked if there are any projects that any board member wished to pull at this time; there were none.

Consent list included all projects.

Massie moved, Schramm seconded the motion to approve the consent list as discussed. Floyd asked for change of vote on the consent list. Haynes called the roll. 09-17-006 – North Park Pond – Meadows, Floyd and Banister – aye to no. 09-17-008 – Deer Elk Ecology – Banister - aye to no. 09-17-005 – Fortification Elk Monitoring – Meadows, Floyd and Banister – aye to no. Motion carries.

Old Business:

03-17-038 **Cuin Conservation Easement** Request \$100,000 Carbon County

Schramm, Banister seconded the motion to fund the project at \$65,000. Floyd asked for change of vote. Haynes called the roll. Banister, Downey, Fulton, Meadows, Wagner and Floyd – aye to no. Motion is defeated.

New Business: None at this time

Public Comment: Richard Garrett – TNC - thanked the board for their hard work and involvement in the legislature.
Ian Tator – WGFD - thanked the board for an alternative way to participate in today's meeting.

Next Meeting: Discussion regarding holding the next meeting during the 2018 Legislative Session, so the end of February/beginning of March will be the timeframe. Budd will send out notification at a later time.

Adjournment: Chairman Floyd adjourned the meeting at 12:47 PM.