

Wyoming Wildlife and Natural Resource Trust
MEETING MINUTES
February 9, 2017, 9 AM
Big Horn Room, Wyoming Game and Fish Headquarters
Cheyenne, WY

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 9:03 AM by Chairman Kim Floyd. Board members present: Ken Banister, Jacelyn Downey, Pidge Fulton, Mike Massie, Steve Meadows, JoAnn Pearson, Don Schramm and Esther Wagner. Also in attendance were Executive Director Bob Budd and Grants Manager Robin Haynes.

Absent: None

Attendance:

Wyoming Game and Fish – Ray Bredehoft, Todd Grosskopf, Paul Dey, Scott Smith - WGFD Deputy Director, Renny MacKay - WGFD Communications Director
The Nature Conservancy – Richard Garrett
Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation – Leah Burgess

Guest: Christine Adams

Floyd thanked everyone for attending and asked the table to introduce themselves.

Minutes: Floyd asked the board to review the minutes from the December 6, 2016 board meeting.

Massie moved, Banister seconded the motion to approve the minutes of December 6, 2016. Motion carried.

Legislative Update and Overview: Budd updated the board on the status of the legislative appointments for the Board. He gave an overview of the status of the Large Projects bill in the legislature. The Large Projects bill passed the Senate unanimously. Budd provided additional information on the status of the bill in the House. Discussion followed. Budd reviewed the Annual Report, the Large Projects bill and all 2016 projects. Scott Smith, WGFD Deputy Director, gave an overview of the status of Game and Fish's status of the deer feeding issue this winter. Discussion followed.

Public Awareness: (Mike Massie) Massie asked the board if public television, UW television or other entities would provide an opportunity to showcase some of the past and current WWRNT projects. A subcommittee will be appointed. Discussion followed.

At this time, Floyd presented Pearson with a plaque and thanked her for the time that she served on the board. Pearson stated that this is a fantastic board and thanked the board for the opportunity to serve.

Floyd asked for volunteers for the campaign for Public Awareness. Subcommittee members: Steve Meadows, Jacelyn Downey, Mike Massie, Bob Budd and Esther Wagner. Information will be provided at the April meeting.

Christine Adams offered additional information on the marketing campaign for Public Awareness. Discussion followed.

Public comment: Paul Dey provided a handout listing potential Game and Fish projects they may submit applications for in the spring 2017 funding cycle.

Richard Garrett, TNC, informed the board that they will be developing a tri-fold brochure which will include the WWNRT and other related agencies to provide information to the public regarding the purpose of the fund.

Leah Burgess thanked the board for their participation in past projects, and provided an update of current projects.

Financial Update: Budd provided the current contract status report for review.

Project Status Reports: Budd stated that project payments are current and we continue to clean up old projects. Discussion followed.

Old Business: Chairman Floyd asked for old business; none at this time.

New Business: Next Meetings:
April 11 (Tuesday) – Thermopolis
June 20 (Tuesday) - Pinedale
August 14 -15 (Monday and Tuesday) - Baggs (stay in Saratoga)

Adjournment: Chairman Floyd adjourned the meeting at 11:47 AM.