

Wyoming Wildlife and Natural Resource Trust
MEETING MINUTES
February 27, 2018
Wyoming Game and Fish Headquarters, Elk Room
Cheyenne, WY

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, and Don Schramm. Also in attendance were Executive Director Bob Budd and Grants Manager Robin Haynes.

Absent: Esther Wagner

Attendance:

Other participants:

Wyoming Game and Fish: Ian Tator, Ray Bredehoft, Paul Dey, Renny MacKay, Rebecca Fitzgerald

The Nature Conservancy: Richard Garrett

The Conservation Fund: Dan Schlager

Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation: Leah Burgess

Wyoming Stock Growers: Bo Alley, Eric Schacht

Trout Unlimited: Jeff Streeter

Wyoming Association of Conservation Districts: Bobbie Frank

Flickfinity, LLC: Joel York

Minutes: Floyd asked the board to review the minutes from the December 4, 2017 board meeting.

Meadows moved, Banister seconded, to approve the minutes of December 4, 2017. Motion carried unanimously.

Financial Update: Budd reported that things are generally good. He discussed the current financial status of the trust and possibilities for options to increase interest earned in the trust. Discussion followed.

Project Status Review: Budd stated that we have closed multiple projects since the last meeting and we are current with distributions. Discussion followed.

Legislative Update and Overview: Budd stated that the 2018 Large Projects Bill is through the Senate, and will be presented in the House this week. Discussion followed.

Video Update: Budd introduced Joel York from Flickfinity, LLC. Budd asked the board to make notes as they view the video for any changes or other recommendations. Richard Garrett, TNC, asked if a link could be added at the end of the video to provide options to donate to WWNRT. Discussion followed and Budd stated that the link could be directed to each individual partner, i.e. The Nature Conservancy, Trout Unlimited, Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation, local conservation districts, etc. Renny MacKay, WGFD, recommends tracking

how many people are impacted by the video, whether on YouTube or through local presentations at Rotary, Wyoming Travel Commission, Stock Show, Sportsman's Expo, Tourism Expo, etc. Discussion followed.

Public Comment: Budd stated that this portion of the meeting is set aside for our partners to bring comments to the board. Bo Alley, Wyoming Stock Growers, stated that they feel very fortunate to be able to partner with WWNRT, which allows them to have access to greater matching federal funds. Ian Tator, WGFD, thanked the board for their support over the years and informed the board that they have submitted 14 applications for the March 2018 funding cycle. Ray Bredehoft, WGFD, thanked the board for their continued support and commitment to wildlife habitat. Richard Garrett, TNC, stated that he thinks the video will be a great tool, and may be of assistance to help educate candidates running for election in 2018 as to the purpose of the WWNRT Fund. Paul Dey, WGFD, discussed ongoing project maintenance after project completion, and follow up. Dan Schlager, TCF, asked about guidelines for large projects. Budd explained the board's process and matching method. Leah Burgess, RMEF, thanked the board and presented them with a token of RMEF's appreciation with the Wapiti Ridge project, completed in 2017. Jeff Streeter, discussed projects along the Encampment River.

Old Business: None at this time

New Business: None at this time

Next Meeting: April 18 @ 9 AM, Thermopolis

Adjournment: Chairman Floyd adjourned the meeting at 12:02 PM.