

# WYOMING WILDLIFE AND NATURAL RESOURCE TRUST

## MINUTES OF MEETING

Tuesday June 26, 2007

Best Western Hotel

Sheridan, Wyoming

**CALL TO ORDER:** Vice Chairman Kim Floyd called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. Members present were Anderson Baker, McKee, Meadows and Smith. Executive Director Bob Budd and Executive Assistant Creance Harmelink were also present.

Members of the public present were Keith Lenard - American Land Conservancy, Rebecca Byram- Western Range and Water Inc., Mark Fowden- WGFD, Daly Edmunds- WWF, Sally Morton- TNC, and Merlin Ballinger- Powell.

**INTRODUCTIONS:** Vice Chairman Floyd introduced Senator Jim Slater of the Select Committee. Slater thanked the board and added that they were doing a great job.

**APPROVAL OF APRIL MINUTES:** Anderson moved, Smith seconded to approve the April minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

**FINANCIAL REPORTS AND REVIEW:** Budd gave a detailed overview of the current finances. Members discussed donations and matching funds along with the Administration Budget. The members also discussed the account and the future JIO Meeting.

**CURRENT PROJECT STATUS AND PROJECT EXTENSIONS:** Budd recommended to the board that they extend the expiring contracts for another year to allow completion. Discussion followed. The Board considered the contracts with the following action taken:

Thunder Basin Grassland- Floyd moved, Anderson seconded to extend the contract for one year, motion carried.

South Laramie Rx Fire- Anderson moved, Floyd seconded to extend the contract for one year, motion carried.

Southeast Wyoming Guzzlers- Floyd moved, Anderson seconded to extend the contract for one year, motion carried.

Flying A Ranch- Anderson moved, Floyd seconded to extend the contract for one year, motion carried.

Trout Creek- Floyd moved, McKee seconded to extend the contract for one year, motion carried.

Maki Creek- Anderson moved, Meadows seconded to extend the contract for one year, motion carried.

Yellowtail CRM Invasives- Baker moved, McKee seconded to extend the contract for one year, motion carried.

Kirby Creek CRM- Smith moved, McKee seconded to extend the contract for one year, motion carried.

Savery Creek- Smith moved, Anderson seconded to extend the contract for one year, motion carried.

Absorka Aspen, Brokenback Aspen, Curt Gowdy State Park and Fadll Canyon Water- Anderson moved, Meadows seconded to extend contracts for one year, motion carried.

JO Ranch Fence Conversion- Smith moved, Tate seconded to extend the contract for one year, motion carried.

North Laramie Range- Anderson moved, Smith seconded to extend the contract for one year, motion carried.

Mountain Allotment Rx Fire- Anderson moved, Smith seconded to extend the contract for one year, motion carried.

Platte Valley Water and Table Mountain Water- Anderson moved, McKee seconded to extend contracts for one year, motion carried.

Upper Grass Creek Rx Fire- Meadows moved, McKee seconded to extend the contract for one year, motion carried.

Uinta County Youth Camp- Anderson moved, Tate seconded to extend the contract for one year, motion carried.

Green River Land Trust- Anderson moved, Meadows seconded to extend the contract for one year, motion carried.

Gooseberry Creek Watershed- Meadows moved, Anderson seconded to extend the contract for one year, motion carried.

**GREEN RIVER MOOSE INITIATIVE:** Budd gave a power point presentation to the Board about the moose habitat enhancement project in Sublette and Lincoln Counties. Discussion followed.

**WESTERN LANDSCAPE CONSERVATION INITIATIVE (WLCI):**

Floyd and Budd discussed the board's involvement with WLCI.

The next WLCI meeting will be held in July or at the end of August.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** There were no comments at this time.

**REVIEW OF CURRENT PROJECTS:** The Board members reported on site visits for each of the projects under consideration. Discussion followed.

**BREAK:** The Board recessed for lunch at noon.

**RECONVENE:** Chairman Floyd called the meeting back to order at 1:15 p.m.

**REVIEW OF CURRENT PROJECTS:** Vice Chairman Floyd asked the Board to consider each of the projects for funding, with the following action taken:

Red Mountain- Anderson moved, Smith seconded to not allocate funds until NEPA is finished. Motion carried 7-0.

Northern Basin Water- McKee moved, Baker seconded to fund the project in the full amount of \$9,500. Motion carried 7-0.

McCullough Peaks Watershed- Baker moved, Anderson seconded to fund the project in the full amount of \$20,000. Motion carried 7-0.

Shirley Basin Grassland II- Tate moved, Smith seconded to fund the project in the full amount of \$95,000. Motion carried 7-0.

Three Man Ranch- Anderson moved, Smith seconded to fund the project in the full amount of \$20,000. Motion carried 7-0.

SERCD Fence Conversion- McKee moved, Anderson seconded to fund the project in the full amount of \$10,000. Motion carried 7-0.

Weiner Creek Aspen- Meadows moved, Baker seconded to fund the project in the full amount of \$15,000. Motion carried 7-0.

Elk Mountain- Meadows moved, McKee seconded to fund the project in the full amount of \$100,000. Motion carried 7-0.

South Fork Tongue River- Tate moved, Baker seconded to fund the project in the full amount of \$20,000. Motion carried 7-0.

Savery Creek II- Smith moved, McKee seconded to fund the project in the full amount of \$70,000. Motion carried 7-0.

Lake DeSmet Grasslands- McKee moved, Anderson seconded to partially fund the project for \$100,000. Motion carried 7-0.

Wyoming Front Aspen- Meadows moved, Anderson seconded to defer the project. Motion carried 7-0.

Lower Jackknife Creek- McKee moved, Anderson seconded to fund the project for \$26,300. Motion failed 0-7.

Martinez Spring- Smith moved, Baker seconded to fund the project in the full amount of \$4,000. Motion carried 7-0.

North Fork Shoshoni Water- Baker moved, McKee seconded to fund the project in the full amount of \$14,876. Motion carried 7-0.

MJ Ranch- Meadows moved, Anderson seconded to fund the project in the full amount of \$195,000 contingent on JIO. Motion carried 7-0.

Muddy Creek Wetlands (Carbon)- McKee moved, Smith seconded to fund the project in the full amount of \$19,000. Motion carried 7-0.

Stock Tank Escape Ramps- Baker moved, Anderson seconded to fund the project in the partial amount of \$80,000. Motion carried 7-0.

Park County Weed II- Baker moved, Smith seconded to fund the project in the full amount of \$50,000. Motion carried 7-0.

Lower Gros Ventre- Meadows moved, Anderson seconded to fund the project in the full amount of \$50,000. Motion carried 7-0.

Goshen Basin Wetlands- McKee moved, Smith seconded to fund the project in the full amount of \$71,400. Motion carried 7-0.

JO Ranch Water- Smith moved, McKee seconded to fund the project in the full amount of \$20,000. Motion carried 7-0.

Dull Center Sagebrush- Tate moved, McKee seconded to fund the project in the full amount of \$20,000. Motion carried 7-0.

Duck Creek Wetland- Meadows moved, McKee seconded to fund the project in the full amount of \$79,000. Motion carried 7-0.

Grade Creek- Smith moved, Meadows seconded to fund the project in the full amount of \$90,000. Motion carried 7-0.

Muddy Creek Wetlands (Platte)- McKee moved, Anderson seconded to fund the project in the partial amount of \$7,500. Motion carried 7-0.

Yellowtail CRM- Baker moved, Anderson seconded to defer the project. Motion carried 7-0.

Spring Creek- Meadows moved, Anderson seconded to fund the project in the full amount of \$30,400. Motion carried 7-0.

Laramie River Invasives- Smith moved, McKee seconded to fund the project in the partial amount of \$30,000. Motion carried 7-0.

Cottonwood Ranch- Meadows moved, Smith seconded to fund the project in the partial amount of \$195,000 contingent on JIO. Motion carried 6-1 with baker voting no.

Kara Community Pasture- McKee moved, Baker seconded to fund the project in the full amount of \$22,500. Motion carried 7-0.

Riparian Reforestation- McKee moved, Anderson seconded to fund the project in the full amount of \$47,155. Motion carried 7-0.

Crow Creek Restoration- Smith moved, Anderson seconded to fund the project in the partial amount of \$20,000. Motion carried 7-0.

Barber Lake- Anderson moved, Smith seconded to defer the project. Motion carried 7-0.

Triple Peak Forage Reserve- McKee moved, Smith seconded to defer until the August meeting. Motion carried 4-3 with Baker, Anderson and Meadows voting no.

Ladder Livestock CE- McKee moved, Smith seconded to defer the project until the August meeting. Motion carried 7-0.

Thunder Basin Grassland II- Tate moved, McKee seconded to defer the project until the August meeting. Motion carried 7-0.

Mule Deer Migration- McKee moved, Smith seconded to fund the project in the full amount of \$35,000. Motion carried 4-3 with Anderson, Baker and Meadows voting no.

Wildlife Vehicle Mitigation- Meadows moved, McKee seconded to fund the project in the full amount of \$15,500. Motion carried 5-2 with Anderson and Baker voting no.

**NEXT MEETING:** The next Board meeting will be August 20<sup>th</sup> in Evanston at the Dun Mar Inn and in Powell on October 15<sup>th</sup>.

**NEW BUISNESS:** Budd explained his desire for a full time position in the WWNRT office. Smith moved, Baker seconded to have the Executive Director write a job description and take applications for the position. Motion carried 7-0.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Meadows moved, Anderson seconded to adjourn. Motion carried. Chairman Floyd adjourned the meeting at 5:00 p.m.