

REGULAR MEETING OF SUPERVISORS
LARAMIE RIVERS CONSERVATION DISTRICT
793 HURON ST., LARAMIE, WY

March 18th, 2026
MINUTES

PRESENT: Larry Munn, Chair; Jack Corson, Vice-Chair; Zach Iddings, Treasurer/Secretary; Mary Fick Monteith, Board Supervisor; Brian Sebade, Board Supervisor; Katie Wynne, District Manager; Martin Curry, Sr. Resource Specialist; Natasha Dangler, Office Administrator; Chris Bové, NRCS District Conservationist;

1. **Call to Order:** The regular meeting of Laramie Rivers Conservation District was called to order by Larry Munn, LRCD Chair, at 12:17pm.
2. **Introductions:** Introductions were made by all attendees.
3. **Strategic Doing:** Jack Corson read the District's mission and vision statements and the group reflected on the recent dust storm that came through Laramie and why soil and water districts were implemented 80 years ago across the country.
 - a. Mary reminded the group about the impending drought in the western region and that landowners will experience higher amounts of stress and anxiety.
 - i. Resources are available within that Albany County community.
4. **Hot Topics & Items for Review:**
 - a. Katie shared the list of upcoming events with the Board.
 - i. Local Working Group meeting with NRCS - Apr. 7th at Fire Station #3
 - ii. LRCD Tree Sale - Apr. 24th & 25th
 - iii. Tree farming – last week of April
 - iv. Tree planting – first week of May, weather permitting
 - v. LRCD Conservation Expo - May 9th
 - vi. Albany County Cattlewomen's Ag Expo - May 12th & 13th at Hansen
 - b. Set Board Meeting dates:
 - i. May 20th, 2026
 - ii. June 24th 2026
 - iii. July 22nd, 2026
 - iv. August 19th, 2026
5. **Public Comments:** None
6. **Toltec Quarterly Update: Steve Shivy was present on the phone to provide the quarterly Watershed Improvement District update.**
 - a. Water levels in the reservoir continue to be bleak, holding at 30% capacity.
 - b. Toltec and adjacent landowners are anticipating significantly less capacity for irrigation season than in years past.

7. **NRCS Report:** Chris Bové, NRCS District Conservationist, presented the monthly NRCS updates. **The March NRCS Report is attached.**
8. **Approval of Minutes:**
 - a. **MOTION by Zach Iddings to APPROVE the regular meeting minutes, seconded by Brian Sebade. MOTION CARRIED.**
 - i. Regular Meeting – February 18th, 2026
 - b. **MOTION by Zach Iddings to APPROVE the following executive meeting minutes as edited, seconded by Mary Fick Monteith. MOTION CARRIED.**
 - i. Executive Meeting – February 18th, 2026
9. **New Business:** None
10. **Old Business:**
 - a. Locally Led Discussion:
 - i. Hart Ranch water development
 1. **Staff proposed \$15,000.00 in-kind support in conjunction with two separate rural cost shares at \$7,500.00 each for a total contribution of \$30,000.00 spread over the project lifetime.**
 - a. Will require fundraising and still needs engineering designs.
 - b. This kind of urban project would generate public attention for LRCD.
 - ii. LRCD Rural Cost Share program
 1. **Staff proposed increasing the maximum project reimbursement to \$10,000 each in order to fund up to fifteen projects totaling \$150,000.00.**
 - a. Another suggestion would be to still increase the Rural Cost Share Program's total allocation amount but only increase the maximum return to \$8,000.00.
 - iii. Centennial Water Station
 1. **Staff proposed to set aside a certain amount of locally led funding for this future project.**
 - a. It is unclear at this time how much this total projects costs will be.
 - iv. Pilot Hill WHMA Lease Contribution
 1. **Staff proposed to increase the annual WHMA Lease contribution from \$10,000.00/year to \$15,000.00**
 - a. Brian recommended increasing the lease contribution and adding updated educational signage that focuses on natural resource conservation
11. **Approval of Financials:** Natasha presented the monthly financial reports and I-statements to the Board. **All reports attached.**
 - a. **MOTION by Mary Fick Monteith to APPROVE the March Financial Record, seconded by Jack Corson. Zach Iddings abstained. MOTION CARRIED.**

12. **District Administrator & Bookkeeper's Report:** The Board ACKNOWLEDGES RECEIPT of the March 18th, 2026, report from Natasha Dangler, LRCD Office Administrator & Bookkeeper. **Report attached.**
 - a. **FY26/27 Budget Discussion:**
 - i. Jack began by leading the group in a centralized discussion related to fiscal responsibilities and District goals.
 1. Zach stated that the District should focus on spending the money as wisely as possible with a focus on projects that will have the most benefit over time.
 - ii. It was recommended to increase the budget line for a new UTV.
 - iii. **MOTION by Mary Fick Monteith to MOVE \$500,000.00 from the LRCD Money Market account into four (4) new CDs at \$125,000.00 each at the best rate available, seconded by Jack Corson. MOTION CARRIED.**
13. **District Manager Report:** The Board ACKNOWLEDGES RECEIPT of the March 18th, 2026, report from Katie Wynne, LRCD District Manager. **Report attached.**
 - a. Katie updated the Board about the changes and updates to the garage design and the overall progress with application timelines.
14. **Senior Resource Specialist Report:** The Board ACKNOWLEDGES RECEIPT of the March 18th, 2026, report from Martin Curry, LRCD Senior Resource Specialist. **Report attached.**
 - a. Martin provided a brief 2026 Tree Sale Update.
 - b. Rural Cost-Share Applications:
 - i. **MOTION by Brian Sebade to APPROVE the following cost-share application for water development, seconded by Jack Corson. Zach Iddings abstained. MOTION CARRIED.**
 1. R. Epler – water development \$3,942.50.00
 - c. Living Snow Fence Applications:
 - i. **MOTION by Zach Iddings to APPROVE the following living snow fence cost-share applications, seconded by Mary Fick Monteith. MOTION CARRIED.**
 1. B. Michaels – LSF \$1,110.77
 2. R. Kenehan – LSF \$759.90
15. **Executive Session:**
 - a. **MOTION by Brian Sebade to enter Executive Session to discuss personnel decisions, seconded by Jack Corson. MOTION CARRIED.**
 - i. Board Supervisors entered into Executive Session at 4:37pm.
 - b. **MOTION by Jack Corson to exit Executive Session, seconded by Brian Sebade. MOTION CARRIED.**
 - i. Supervisors exited executive session at 4:53PM
16. **Adjournment: MOTION by Jack Corson to ADJOURN the regular public meeting, seconded by Brian Sebade. MOTION CARRIED.**
 - a. The regular meeting adjourned at 4:53pm.