

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

July 22nd, 2026
MINUTES

PRESENT: Larry Munn, Chair; Jack Corson, Vice-Chair; Zach Iddings, Secretary/Treasurer; Mary Fick Monteith, Board Supervisor; Brian Sebade, Board Supervisor; Katie Wynne, District Manager; Martin Curry, Sr. Resource Specialist; Natasha Dangler, Office Administrator; Arley Anderson, LRCD Seasonal Employee; 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 12:15pm.
2. **Introductions:** Introductions were made by all attendees.
3. **Strategic Doing:** Arley Anderson read the District's mission and vision statements.
4. **Hot Topics & Items for Review:**
 - a. Arley provided a quick recap of his time at WyRED.
 - b. Katie addressed local resource concerns that she has received from Albany County residents.
 - i. Rail tie storage on the Greenbelt
 - ii. Section of the 4G Enterprises property on the Laramie River that has been designated as blight
 - iii. Data centers in Wyoming
 - iv. It was noted by the Board of Supervisors that it is not LRCD's position to determine what happens on private land, but that the District should continue to stay engaged and be aware of practices being implemented throughout the county.
 - v. LRCD Board of Supervisors encourages landowners to implement practices that follow proper permitting and procedures as directed by the State of Wyoming and the Wyoming Department of Agriculture.
5. **NRCS Report:** Chris Bové, NRCS District Conservationist, presented the monthly NRCS updates. **The July NRCS Report is attached.**
 - a. Jesus will remain in Cheyenne to assist with NRCS needs in the Laramie County field office.
6. **Approval of Minutes:**
 - a. **MOTION by Brian Sebade to APPROVE the regular meeting minutes, seconded by Zach Iddings. MOTION CARRIED.**
 - i. Regular Meeting – June 24th, 2026

7. New Business:

- a. Board Supervisors discussed and approved the following resolutions to present to Area II Districts:

i. Informing Cons. Districts of Data Center Plans:

- 1. MOTION by Mary Fick Monteith to APPROVE the following proposed resolution as written, seconded by Brian Sebade. MOTION CARRIED.**

- a. **WHEREAS** developers are identifying locations for the placement of data centers across the U.S. **WHEREAS** the development of data centers require natural resources, including land and water. **THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that County Commissioners, City Councilmembers, and organizations responsible for managing industrial siting for the state should proactively inform local conservation districts about any developer interest or plans to develop data centers within the county.

ii. Data Centers and Water Use:

- 1. MOTION by Jack Corson to APPROVE the following proposed resolution with revisions allowed within the WACD/NACD framework, seconded by Brian Sebade. MOTION CARRIED.**

- a. ***WHEREAS energy projects and data center projects are being developed in Wyoming. WHEREAS energy projects may utilize water from local sources. WHEREAS droughts cause a decrease in overall levels of local available water sources. WHEREAS local available water sources have other uses, including agriculture, local drinking water, and water for wildlife. THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the legislature will not approve any energy projects or data center projects that have the potential to reduce the amount of ground and/or surface water available for agriculture uses.***

iii. Water for Agriculture:

- 1. MOTION by Jack Corson to APPROVE the following proposed resolution as written, seconded by Mary Fick Monteith. MOTION CARRIED.**

- a. ***WHEREAS droughts have caused a decrease in overall levels of local water sources. WHEREAS Wyoming needs ample water to continue agricultural practices that benefit the greater public. THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that any water saved by improved irrigation practices within a county will maintain the water right in the same county for the same use (agriculture).***

8. **Old Business:**

- a. The LRCD Living Snow Fence Program was discussed among Staff and Board Supervisors.

- i. **MOTION by Jack Corson to dissolve and discontinue the Living Snow Fence Tree Planting Program, seconded by Mary Fick Monteith. MOTION CARRIED.**

- 1. LRCD will continue to provide technical assistance and guidance for planting and growing trees in Albany County.
 - 2. Supervisors would like to continue the annual Tree Sale each Spring.

9. **District Administrator & Bookkeeper's Report:** The Board ACKNOWLEDGES RECEIPT of the July 22nd, 2026, report from Natasha Dangler, LRCD Office Administrator & Bookkeeper. **Report attached.**

- a. The Board selected board meeting dates for the remainder of the calendar year:
 - i. Wednesday, September 23, 2026
 - ii. Wednesday, October 21, 2026
 - iii. Monday, November 23, 2026
 - iv. Wednesday, December 16, 2026

10. **Approval of Financials:** Natasha presented the monthly financial reports and I- statements to the Board. **All reports attached.**

- a. **MOTION by Jack Corson to APPROVE the July Financial Record, seconded by Brian Sebade. Zach Iddings abstained. MOTION CARRIED.**

11. **District Manager Report:** The Board ACKNOWLEDGES RECEIPT of the July 22nd, 2026, report from Katie Wynne, LRCD District Manager. **Report attached.**

- a. Katie provided staffing and monthly office updates.
- b. The FEMA grant was officially submitted for flood mitigation on the Pioneer Canal.
- c. Garage Bid Discussion:
 - i. Supervisors discussed using Tall Tree Construction as the official contractor for the building. Katie presented the updated breakdown of the new cost-estimate to the Board.
 - 1. **MOTION by Jack Corson to work with Tall Tree Construction for the construction of the garage and entryway, seconded by Zach Iddings. MOTION CARRIED**
 - 2. **MOTION by Jack Corson to approve Tall Tree Construction's cost estimate, along with a 10% contingency added to Tall Tree's estimate (total \$297,440, round to \$300,000) to ensure the project can progress and meet any unforeseen circumstances, seconded by Mary Fick Monteith. MOTION CARRIED.**

12. **Senior Resource Specialist Report:** The Board ACKNOWLEDGES RECEIPT of the July 22nd, 2026, report from Martin Curry, LRCD Senior Resource Specialist. **Report attached.**

- a. Martin provided a comprehensive update on the 20-year historical data of the LRCD Rural Cost Share Program. 170 total projects were noted in Albany County since 2007.

- b. **MOTION by Zach Iddings to APPROVE the following Rural Cost Share applications for stock water development, seconded by Jack Corson. MOTION CARRIED.**
 - i. **R. Garson - \$7,500.00**
 - ii. **Harris Ranch - \$7,500.00**

13. Adjournment:

- a. **MOTION by Jack Corson to ADJOURN the regular public meeting, seconded by Zach Iddings. MOTION CARRIED.**
 - i. **The regular meeting adjourned at 3:48pm.**