

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

September 23rd, 2026
MINUTES

PRESENT: Larry Munn, Chair; Jack Corson, Vice-Chair; Zach Iddings, Secretary/Treasurer; Mary Fick Monteith, Board Supervisor; Brian Sebade, Board Supervisor; Ryan Asay, Associate Supervisor; Katie Wynne, District Manager; Martin Curry, Sr. Resource Specialist; Natasha Dangler, Office Administrator; Chris Bové, NRCS District Conservationist; Chris Vercelli, LCCD Tree Program Coordinator; Erin Friel, LCCD Financial Specialist; Joanne Mai, Wyoming Women's History House Executive Director.

1. **Call to Order:** The regular meeting of Laramie Rivers Conservation District was called to order by Larry Munn, LRCD Chair, at 12:02pm.
2. **Introductions:** Introductions were made by all attendees.
3. **Strategic Doing:** Martin Curry read the District's mission and vision statements.
4. **Public Comments:**
 - a. Joanne Mai, Executive Director of the Wyoming Women's History House, presented a project proposal for upgrades to their downtown courtyard to be considered for the LRCD Community Enhancement Grant.
5. **Hot Topics & Items for Review:**
 - a. The annual legislative function will be held on Friday, October 30th from 9AM-noon.
 - b. The WACD State Convention will be held in Laramie November 18th – 20th.
 - c. Property tax exemption update:
 - i. Wyoming Initiative 1, *The People's Initiative*, is a 50% tax cut on primary residences.
 - ii. If it's voted into effect, and if everyone eligible applies and receives the cut, it would reduce LRCD's mill levy contribution by 17%.
6. **NRCS Report:** Chris Bové, NRCS District Conservationist, presented the NRCS Report and monthly updates. **The September NRCS Report is attached.**
7. **Approval of Minutes:**
 - a. **MOTION by Jack Corson to APPROVE the regular meeting minutes as presented, seconded by Mary Fick Monteith. MOTION CARRIED.**
 - i. Regular Meeting – August 19th, 2026

8. **New Business:** None
9. **Old Business:**
 - a. Area II Meeting:
 - i. Katie and Jack provided updates and comments from the Area II meeting that was held on September 16th, 2026 in Wheatland.
 1. Katie explained changes that were made to the proposed resolutions at the Area II meeting. All five resolutions will now be reviewed and voted on at WACD State Convention in November.
10. **District Administrator & Bookkeeper's Report:** The Board ACKNOWLEDGES RECEIPT of the September 23rd, 2026, report from Natasha Dangler, LRCD Office Administrator & Bookkeeper. **Report attached.**
 - a. **Community Enhancement Grant application:**
 - i. **MOTION by Jack Corson to APPROVE the Wyoming Women's History House Community Enhancement Grant application for courtyard renovation, seconded by Zach Iddings. OPPOSED by Mary Fick Monteith. MOTION CARRIED.**
 1. **Wyoming Women's History House - \$5,000.00**
 - a. There was a concern brought forward regarding the usage and consumption of city water resources with the installation of a water feature in the courtyard. Additionally, drought-tolerant plants would be preferable, along with a sign acknowledging LRCD's contribution.
11. **Approval of Financials:** Natasha presented the monthly financial reports and I-statements to the Board. **All reports attached.**
 - a. **MOTION by Brian Sebade to APPROVE the September Financial Record, seconded by Mary Fick Monteith. Zach Iddings abstained. MOTION CARRIED.**
12. **District Manager Report:** The Board ACKNOWLEDGES RECEIPT of the September 23rd, 2026, report from Katie Wynne, LRCD District Manager. **Report attached.**
 - a. Katie provided general office and program updates, as well as updates to the garage construction project.
13. **Senior Resource Specialist Report:** The Board ACKNOWLEDGES RECEIPT of the September 23rd, 2026, report from Martin Curry, LRCD Senior Resource Specialist. **Report attached.**
 - a. Martin provided the quarterly Toltec update and a recap of the annual inspection with NRCS and SEO.
 - b. **Rural Cost-Share applications:**
 - i. **MOTION by Jack Corson to DECLINE the following rural cost-share application for forest health improvement, seconded by Zach Iddings. MOTION CARRIED.**
 1. **Columbus - \$7,500.00**
 - a. The Board discussed their concern about approving multiple cost-shares on small acre parcels.
 - b. It was recommended to create a larger scale project scope to install strategic fuel breaks that will improve the overall forest landscape and address resource concerns.

- ii. **MOTION by Zach Iddings to APPROVE the following rural cost-share application for fencing, seconded by Jack Corson. MOTION CARRIED.**
 - 1. **Hoffer - \$5,000.00**
- iii. **MOTION by Brian Sebade to DECLINE the following rural cost-share application for electric fencing and heated watering system, seconded by Zach Iddings. MOTION DENIED.**
 - 1. **Bronner - \$4,300.00**
 - a. The Board does not believe this project addresses a natural resource concern to fit the parameters of LRCD's Rural Cost-Share Program.

14. Executive Session:

- a. **MOTION by Jack Corson to ENTER Executive Session to discuss legal matters, seconded by Brian Sebade. MOTION CARRIED.**
 - i. Board Supervisors entered executive session at 3:55pm.
- b. **MOTION by Mary Fick Monteith to EXIT Executive Session, seconded by Jack Corson. MOTION CARRIED.**
 - i. Board Supervisors exited Executive Session and Regular Board meeting resumed at 4:26pm.

15. Adjournment:

- a. **MOTION by Brian Sebade to ADJOURN the regular public meeting, seconded by Jack Corson. MOTION CARRIED.**
 - i. The regular meeting adjourned at 4:27pm.