

District Manager Report
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Garage/Entryway Update

- Contract in place with Colin Rucinski (Tall Tree Construction). LRCD paid the first of what will be three invoices: first payment (~\$89,000) was due upfront, second payment will be due halfway through project, and the third and final payment will be due after the project completion (Dec. 31, 2026)
- Colin submitted the building permit application to the City week of Aug. 2. The City generally runs four weeks out on reviewing applications.
 - I advised Colin to cc City Manager Todd Feezer on any emails to the City Building and Planning teams for faster response time
- I received final plans from Jon G. on Aug. 10; Colin uploaded them to the permit application in the City portal same day
- Ran into Todd Feezer at the City Council / County Commissioner work session on Aug. 11 and he said he would meet with his team to see if they could just push the permit application through

Programs Updates

- July 23: Posted Jelm WHMA RFP for engineering bids
- July 24: Photo monitoring for WWC with Martin on Oasis
- July 28: RCPP for North Platte - coordinated with Joe Parsons (SER CD) and I wrote a letter of support from LRCD for the RCPP
 - If RCPP is approved, providing a letter of support means LRCD will hopefully have negotiating ability so we can bring project ideas forward
- July 29: Martin, Allison, and I met with Anna (WY State Forestry) and NRCS for a field visit in Tie Siding/Boulder Ridge area to discuss projects and financial support with landowners
- July 30: Martin, Tosha, and I met with Steve Gale and lessee to walk along the Little Laramie River and discuss restoration project ideas
- Aug. 5: Met with Martin, Ben Levin (City of Laramie), and Steve Williams (City Ranch Advisory Committee) to discuss Steve's interest and questions related to Laramie River water quality and quantity on the City's ranches
- Aug. 6: Met with Tosha and two members of the public interested in learning about LRCD's stance on data centers
- Aug. 6: Martin and I met with Wyoming Women's History House and Laramie Garden Club to discuss LRCD's Community Enhancement Grant to possibly support work that WWHH

is planning for their courtyard; I also offered to donate our irrigation materials that we no longer need from the living snow fence program

- Aug. 6: Met with Lindsay Wheat/ACWP to plan WWNRT grant application to offset some of their costs for weed treatment areas. Lindsay thinks pepperweed is a higher priority than cheatgrass at this point in the County and more manageable to address. Will submit the WWNRT app. ahead of the Sept. 1 deadline
- Aug. 11: Martin and I met with WY SEO, Ducks Unlimited, USFWS, and GoBeyond Foundation to discuss engineering to get water to the GoBeyond property for the WY toad
- Aug. 14: Forestry workshop in Centennial with WY State Forestry Division and Albany County Emergency Planning

Misc. Updates

- We addressed and mailed postcards introducing LRCD and outlining our services to 110 new landowners in the County
- July 22: Pilot Hill community celebration with Martin/Erica, Tosha/kids, Arley, and Mary
- July 28: Met with City of Laramie/Scott Hunter about projects around the LaBonte Community Garden
- Aug. 4: Attended Sierra Club / Wyoming Outdoor Council event re- data centers
- Aug. 6: Met with Callie Berman and Evan Snowberger about their idea to start a grazing collective
- Aug. 11: Attended City Council / County Commissioner work session re- data centers
- Aug. 12: Agriculture and Ecological Stress – trainer session (virtual)
- Aug. 13: City Ranch Advisory Committee meeting

Upcoming

- Exterior paint – we'll have a check for the other half of the payment to Western View Painting once they complete the touch-ups. I finally got ahold of Rob Y. and he did an adhesion test to make sure the paint wasn't a failed coating and he's scheduling touch-ups.
- Will post Hart Ranch restoration RFP for engineering for initial design work once I receive go-ahead from Steve Gale (WGFD)
- Aug. 18: Audit planning meeting with Tosha and Ketel Thorstenson
- Aug. 26: Allison's last day with LRCD
- Aug. 28: End of summer staff celebration BBQ at Vedauwoo
- Save the date – September 16 Area II Meeting in Platte County. Exact location TBD