

District Manager Report

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Garage/Entryway Update

- Worked with Colin Rucinski (Tall Tree Construction) to pare back design, namely:
 - Scale back plans to be bare bones garage, but still match exterior as designed, so it'll still match the current office building exterior
 - Cut solar
 - Cut bathroom and all plumbing including floor drain
 - Cut all heating sources
 - Cut in floor heating/heat pump
 - Reduce the number of south-facing windows
 - Minimize waste by scaling back the plans to minimize wasted materials (40'x48')
 - Reduce height of garage doors from 12' to 10' and reduce number of garage doors from 3 to 2 (removed the passthrough door on west side, to save on the amount of paving the City requires)
 - **As a result of the above revisions, the updated estimate is \$270,400.00**
 - Including paving (City requirement)
- Met with City (Lucas and Joe) and Colin to discuss project on July 9
 - If we do not include a heat source, the building can be classified as unconditioned, and as a low energy building, which means we're exempt from the City's insulation requirements. As a storage garage only, this is the recommended route to be cost-effective.
 - Still need drainage report updated (\$2,200 from Flint Polson, Inberg-Miller Engineering)
 - Still need a photometric plan, even just to include the small solar powered light over the garage and man doors
- Asked Jon Gardzelewski to revise his previously designed plans based on updates from Board discussion, conversations in planning with Colin and the City. As of July 14 still waiting to receive updates
- Also need an electrical plan to show outlets, lights, and tie-in (City requirement)
- If Board approves working with Tall Tree Construction and approves \$270,400 estimate, we will need to get a contract in place with them

Programs Updates

- June 30: Martin and I met with Steve Gale/WGFD about two projects we've previously mentioned, Hart Ranch and Jelm WHMA

- Reminder that LRCD Board previously approved \$20,000 for Hart Ranch engineering work
 - Next steps – Hart Ranch is likely higher priority and will be started first. Steve is working on drafting RFP information for both projects for us to post so we can receive bids from engineering firms for initial design work.
- July 1: RCS site visit close-out with Martin (Monaghan)
- July 6: Site visit with Lindsay Wheat/ACWP, Martin, and Tosha to look at treated weed areas
- July 15: New RCS site visit with Martin (new well development)
- July 16: New RCS site visit with Martin (wind to solar well conversions)
- I visited with Lindsay Wheat/ACWP and offered our support in writing and sponsoring a 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. We're planning to continue working with Lindsay to identify priority treatment areas and draft the grant application in August, before the September 1 WWNRT application deadline
- Worked with WWC to complete revisions to the FEMA grant application for the Pioneer Canal projects, ahead of the federal application review deadline

Misc. Updates

- June 29 and July 13: WACD State Convention planning meetings
 - Worked with WACD to identify possible event sponsors
 - Tentatively planning the host night at Cowboy Saloon, looking into catering and music options
- July 1: Allison and I attended Pilot Hill Board meeting
 - Pilot Hill is having a community celebration July 22 from 5:30-8:30pm at the new trailhead – all are welcome!
- July 7: Commissioner Thad Hoff stopped by the office and we chatted about misc. County goings on
- July 8: Contacted City Manager Todd Feezer regarding potential project support – area cleaned up behind Love's truck stop, homeless encampment
- July 9: hosted two Congressional staffers for Cynthia Lummis – Anthony Castronovo (from DC) and Charlotte Norris (Cheyenne). Toured Oasis and Dowlin along with Martin and Holly Kennedy (WACD) to highlight two LRCD projects, chatted about NRCS funding
- July 13: I called State Rep. Karlee Provenza about rail tie storage on Omaha Track/Union Pacific property on west side
- July 17: meeting with two new LCCD employees in Laramie to answer questions about conservation districts, compliance, etc.

Upcoming

- Postcards for new landowners are with Digital Blues for printing. Once printed, we'll address and mail out to approximately 110 new landowners
- Exterior paint touch-ups, will have a check for the other half of the payment to Western View Painting once they complete the touch-ups. I have emailed and called them, but have not heard back yet.
- Will need to get a contract in place with Colin Rucinski for garage/entryway project construction