

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

June 24th, 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; Allison Beeston, LRCD Communications Intern; 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 12:16pm.
2. **Introductions:** Introductions were made by all attendees.
 - a. Katie introduced Allison Beeston, the 2026 LRCD Communications Intern.
3. **Strategic Doing:** Katie read the District's mission and vision statements.
 - a. Allison provided a brief comment of what the District's mission means to her.
4. **Hot Topics & Items for Review:**
 - a. Katie shared the list of upcoming events with the Board.
 - b. Discussion regarding Governor Gordon's lawsuit against the State Board of Equalization and the implication of the reassessment of property taxes and the mil levy allocations.
 - c. Discussion regarding data centers in our county and concerns with the access to seasonal vs. year-round water in our region.
5. **NRCS Report:** Chris Bové, NRCS District Conservationist, presented the monthly NRCS updates. **The June NRCS Report is attached.**
 - a. Chris provided an update from Washington that included a restructuring notice within the agency, beginning in July. Local offices may be impacted by reassignments and delegations.
 - b. After a second round of reviews, three EQIP applications were funded.
6. **Approval of Minutes:**
 - a. **MOTION by Jack Corson to APPROVE the regular meeting minutes, seconded by Zach Iddings. MOTION CARRIED.**
 - i. Regular Meeting – May 20th, 2026
 - b. **MOTION by Zach Iddings to APPROVE the following executive meeting minutes as corrected, seconded by Jack Corson. MOTION CARRIED.**
 - i. Executive Meeting – May 20th, 2026

7. **New Business:**

a. Proposed Resolution ideas:

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

1. WHEREAS USDA NRCS funding is essential in supporting many landowners with natural resource projects across the U.S. THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that a minimum of 85% of all NRCS program financial assistance funds should be divided amongst the Local Working Groups of Wyoming. The Local Working Groups will create ranking questions that would equal at least 65% of the total ranking points.

- ii. Jack Corson proposes that all local conservation districts be formally notified of any future development of renewable energy projects within their respected counties.

8. **Old Business:** Katie has reviewed and updated all internal District policies for the 2026/2027 fiscal year.

9. **District Administrator & Bookkeeper's Report:** The Board ACKNOWLEDGES RECEIPT of the June 24th, 2026, report from Natasha Dangler, LRCD Office Administrator & Bookkeeper. **Report attached.**

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

- a. Larry would like to see as much money as possible put back on the ground in natural resource projects throughout the county.
- b. **MOTION by Brian Sebade to APPROVE the June Financial Record, seconded by Mary Fick Monteith. Zach Iddings abstained. MOTION CARRIED.**

11. **FY26/27 Budget Approval:** Natasha presented the final version of the 2026-2027 fiscal budget, with minor changes.

- a. **MOTION by Jack Corson to APPROVE the final FY26/27 Budget, seconded by Mary Fick Monteith. MOTION CARRIED.**

12. **District Manager Report:** The Board ACKNOWLEDGES RECEIPT of the June 24th, 2026, report from Katie Wynne, LRCD District Manager. **Report attached.**

- a. Katie provided staffing and monthly office updates.
- i. Our seasonal garden employee, Arley, is back for the season!
- ii. The FEMA application has been submitted for the Pioneer Canal and related projects.
- iii. Katie provided a brief agrivoltaics update for the group.
- iv. County Notice Review:
1. Wild Horse Ranch (CU-01-26)
- b. Garage Bid Discussion:
- i. Supervisors discussed the proposed bids for construction.
1. The Board would like to continue to work with Colin Rucinski, Tall Tree Construction, in order to move construction forward.

- a. Redesign to use measurements for less construction waste.
- b. Wait to install solar and heat pump at a later time.
- c. Pare back large costs including the bathroom and utilities.

13. **Senior Resource Specialist Report:** The Board ACKNOWLEDGES RECEIPT of the June 24th, 2026, report from Martin Curry, LRCD Senior Resource Specialist. **Report attached.**

a. **MOTION by Jack Corson to APPROVE the following Rural Cost Share applications for stock water development, seconded by Brian Sebade. MOTION CARRIED.**

- i. C. Balcom - \$7,500.00
- ii. MJ Ranches - \$7,500.00
- iii. J. Atkinson - \$7,500.00
- iv. Red Mountain Ranch - \$7,500.00
- v. R. Lorenzi - \$7,500.00

14. **Adjournment:**

a. **MOTION by Zach Iddings to ADJOURN the regular public meeting, seconded by Brian Sebade. MOTION CARRIED.**

- i. The regular meeting adjourned at 4:40pm.