

# Wyoming Association of Irrigation Districts (WAID)

## MONTHLY BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday April 15, 2025  
Meeting at 1:00 pm via Zoom

### Attendance:

Steve Lynn, Ric Herman, Joan McGraw, Brian Duyck, Jim Mines, Nathan Graves, and Gail Whitman. Trent Reed was unable to attend due to his District's Water Turn on Dates.

Meeting was called to order by President, Steve Lynn at 1:05 pm.

### Approval of Minutes, Agenda and Treasures Report:

Nathan made the motion to approve the Monthly Board Meeting Minutes for March 18, 2025, at 1:00 pm. Ric 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion, the motion carried unopposed.

Joan wanted to add the Silent and Live Auction for the Annual Meeting to the Agenda under New Business. Ric made the motion to approve the agenda as amended, Brian 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion, motion carried unopposed.

Gail gave the attached Treasurer's Report consisting of the Voucher List and the Statement of Account for March to date. Brian made the motion to approve the treasurer's report as presented and pay the bills. Joan 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion, the motion carried unopposed.

### Updates:

Gail shared the number of hits to the WAID Website: January 6,626, February 16,730, March 10,302 and April to date had 2,734. She also reported that we have an interested person wanting to join as an individual member.

### Old Business:

#### Committee Reports:

Moving Water Rights: Discussion was had on scheduling an informal meeting with the State Engineers Office. Several members expressed their desire to attend the meeting. Scheduling this meeting is still in the works.

Protecting Irrigated Farmland: Steve mentioned this topic goes back to the subdivision rules and holding our counties accountable to state statutes. We need to pursue getting Irrigation Districts to sign off on proposed subdivisions in the State Statutes and that "the subdivider shall certify it met with and made a good faith effort to resolve any conflicts with the irrigation district" is simply not enough. It was decided we need to create a survey to get our members' feedback. It was discussed getting this on our website.

State Statutes: It was decided that all three committees would focus on subdivision statutes and the impact they have on water rights, easements and production agriculture.

## **New Business**

### **Sponsorship Rates for the Annual Convention:**

Last year Companies sponsored specific items at cost. Discussion was had as to whether to get more companies involved by co-sponsoring. It was mentioned that our previous sponsors do not want to co-sponsor the big-ticket items. It was mentioned to set the social hour at \$1500.00. Another idea was to set gold, silver and bronze level sponsorships with set prices, ie Gold \$3000 Silver \$2000 Bronze \$1000 for each line item. Changing the value for each line item. Keeping in mind that our sponsors want recognition. It was decided we need to visit Ramkota to get an idea of this year's cost and talk to our past sponsors before making a decision.

### **Auction:**

Joan plans to head this committee and welcomes others to join her. Discussion was had on: the timing of the auction to optimize the results, using last year's auctioneer, and getting members to bring auction items for both live and silent auctions.

## **Open Forum**

Jim brought up the discussion for making a list of water law attorneys. Steve shared his experience with contacting the Wyoming Bar Association for a list of attorneys with water law experience. Discussion was had on listing water attorneys and civil engineers on our website.

## **Upcoming Events for Calendar**

NWRA on Capitol Hill, April 28-30 in Washington DC

Steve and Ric will be meeting with the Wyoming Delegation and the Bureau of Reclamation in Washington DC. Their focus will be getting funding for aging infrastructure.

Nathan mentioned hearing the Northern Ag Report interviewing Steve about the Wyoming Association of Irrigation Districts. The interview was shared on the WAID website.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:15 pm.

## **Next Meeting:**

**Tuesday May 20, 2025 at 1:00 pm via Zoom.**