

The Town of
Star Valley Ranch, Wyoming
NATURAL RESOURCE BOARD MINUTES
Thursday, June 3rd, 2021

Present: Greg Greenhoe – Chairman
Paul Bordwell – Member
Victor Padilla – Member
Deb Adler – Alternate Member
Jack Hales – Member
Ruzena Rok – Member
Taylor Ellis – Council Liaison
Russ Cargo – Nominated Board Member

Absent: None

Guests: Shirley Greenhoe – Chair, Parks and Landscaping Committee
Craig Adler – Chair, Trails Committee

1. **Call to Order:** A quorum is present, and the meeting is called to order at 2:03 PM.
2. **Board Membership Changes:** The Chair welcomed Ruzena “Ru” Rok, our newest board member. Ru replaces Deb Adler as a permanent member of the NRB. Deb will now replace Carolyn Koch as the Alternate Member.

The Chair also introduced Russ Cargo who will replace Jack Hales on June 1st. Jack has decided to leave the board at the end of his term.

3. **Approve Minutes:** Minutes from the May 13th, 2021 NRB meeting were reviewed. No comments or changes. D.Adler motioned to approve minutes as written. Motion passed unanimously.
4. **NRB Donation Account Report:** The General NRB Donation Fund has a balance of \$1,894.00. Transactions, since our meeting on May 13th include \$675 in new donations and an expenditure of \$2,050 to Frontier Fence for the Community Garden. The Trails Donation Account has a balance of \$3,610.96. A total of \$2,250 was spent on the buck & pole fencing for Cedar Creek Trailhead and \$124.64 for redi-mix concrete for the Cedar Creek Trailhead. A total of \$650 was donated to the Trails Fund during this same time period.

Total funds available: \$5,495.96

V.Padilla motioned to approve the donation fund report. Motion passed unanimously.

5. **Trails Committee, Trail Crew Report and Cedar Creek Trailhead:** C.Adler reported that everything is ready for the CCTH Dedication on June 15th. Parking will be along Cedar Creek Drive in the area recently cleared by the Town Road Crew. C.Adler also reported that they will have some awards to be given to individuals at the dedication ceremony. A few signs need some additional work between now and the dedication. Work continues on trail maintenance in the Green Canyon area.

- 6. Parks & Landscaping Committee:** S.Greenhoe reported that the temporary water system was installed on May 17th with the help of 13 volunteers. 8 foot wildlife fence has been completed. The Town Road Crew has laid down reclaimed asphalt on the road to the garden and parking area.

Front entrance cleanup was completed on May 29th. 20 volunteers and 37 bags of bark.

Met with the Mayor about landscaping Town Hall. Landscaper asked that we NOT plant trees before landscaping is complete. Arbor Day will be moved to Fox Run Park.

Cleanup of Fox Run Park will be this Saturday, June 5th at 9 am.

See the full report of the Parks and Landscaping Activities in the appendix to this document.

- 7. Arbor Day and War-on-Weeds Day:** The Chair reported that Arbor Day will be held on June 12th Fox Run Park. Change in location (see above). The Chair is the lead for the event. An action plan for the event was handed out. Councilman Ellis has invited VIPs to the event. The Chair reported that the State Forestry Division has already been invited and will attend to present our Tree City USA recertification for 2021. We will plant 8 new tree just west of Canine Commons in Fox Run Park.

War-on-Weeds Day will be held on June 19th at 9 am to 1 pm at the First Response Center. V.Padilla is the lead on this event. The Chair urged everyone to get the word out about this event and the opportunity to get your weeds treated by working with Lincoln County Weed and Pest.

- 8. Roadside Spraying and Bounty Program:** Mel Shumway of Valley Vegetation Solutions will spray our roadsides the week of June 21st. He will also spray the east and south berms around the public works yard.

The SVRA Men's Golf Association and the Auburn Ward Youth Group will again pull weeds this year. Looking like sometime in July.

- 9. Winter Recreation Plan:** Nothing new to report. More information at our July board meeting.

- 10. July Newsletter:** Working on the Town Newsletter for July, Emphasis will be public safety and Firewise.

- 11. New Business:** Short discussion on the trees dying around the First Response Center. Probably from a variety of reasons including the broken irrigation system and soil compaction and injuries from the Knife River construction yard. T.Ellis asked if we could prove that Knife River was responsible. The Chair felt that would be a stretch since these trees are non-native and haven't been watered in several years.

There will be a Star Party hosted by the NRB at the Fox Run Park Trailhead at 8:30 pm on Friday, July 30th. It will move to Saturday if rain or cloudy conditions. This will be presented by the Star Valley Astronomy Club.

- 12. Next NRB Meeting:** Thursday, July 15th, 2021 @ 2:00 PM – Town Hall

- 13. Motion to Adjourn:** J.Hales motioned to adjourn. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 3:25 PM

Appendix:

Parks and Landscaping Committee – Report – June 3, 2021

Crop Circles

- Temporary water system installed May 17 with the help of 13 volunteers.
- 8 ft. wildlife fence was installed May 18 by Frontier Fence Town crew put down reclaimed asphalt on the road to the garden

Around Town

- Front entrance clean up May 29, 20 volunteers, 37 bags of bark
- Met with the Mayor about landscaping at Town Hall. Landscaper asked that we NOT plant trees before work on the landscaping is finished.
- Arbor Day tree planting moved to Fox Run Park
- Clean-up at Fox Run this Saturday, June 5
- Mail center moved by S V R Resort, when?
- Knife River clean up area, when?
- Pocket parks, nothing done as yet