

Annual Report
Lander County Conservation District
Fiscal Year 2021-2022
September 14th, 2022

Conservation District Information:

- Lander County Conservation District board members:
 1. Amy Nelson. Board member/Lander County Commissioner Appointed Representative. 5/12/2022-12/31/2024.
 2. Andrew Warwood. Board member. 03/10/2020-12/31/2022.
 3. Chase Chapin. Board member. 12/31/2020-12/31/2024.
 4. Dennis Cawrse. Board member. 12/31/2018-12/31/2022
 5. Paul Tomera. Board member/Chairman. 12/31/18-12/31/2022.
 6. Suzann Lemaire. Board member. 12/31/2020-12/31/2024.
- Briefly describe your Conservation Districts mission:
 - To assist citizens of Lander County as well as local agencies such as BLM, NDOW and others in the conservation of wildlife and natural resources within Lander County through available technical, financial and educational resources.
- Describe the Conservation Districts major achieves for the FY.
 - Some achievements for the 21-22 fiscal year were wildlife projects including installing well, solar panel and trough on the Home Ranch, installing fencing and a cattle guard at birch creek on Young Brother's Ranch. Weed projects included spraying approximately 400 acres of hoary cress on Ferris Creek; approximately 550 acres of tall whitetop, hoary cress and knapweed on Reese River; approximately 470 acres of hoary cress, Russian knapweed, bull thistle, scotch thistle, mullin and horehound sprayed on Schwin Ranch.

Goals:

- Briefly describe your Conservation Districts goals:
 - Provide for involvement of other agencies, organizations and/or individuals in the implementation of district operations and programs.
 - Continue to improve habitat and meet needs of various wildlife including but not limited to Sage Grouse.
 - Work with private contractors to spray noxious weeds, as funds and needs dictate.
 - Provide citizens cost sharing opportunities for the control and management of invasive weeds, pests, and range improvement projects on private lands.
 - Award scholarships annually to students that are residents of Lander County, who are studying Agriculture, Conservation, or Natural Resource, agri-business, veterinary science, or animal husbandry at accredited college, university or vocational school.
 - Continue to provide information and conservation planning assistance about the district and its functions to the Lander County Commissioners and general public.
- What goals did your Conservation District accomplish this year?
 - Provided opportunities to work with other agencies like BLM, NDOW and Lander County in the implementation of district projects.
 - Approved and finished multiple Wildlife conservation projects.
 - Approved and finished multiple Noxious Weed abatement projects.
 - Provided and approved several cost share applications to Lander County residents.
 - Awarded one Lander County high school graduate with scholarship.
 - Placed ads in paper, Facebook, and through word of mouth to local public and county commissioners about the conservation district.
- What goals did the CD struggle to accomplish and why?
 - The CD struggled to get more public participation and new projects to fund.

Meetings:

- Please list all meetings dates for the Conservation Districts of the last fiscal year:
 - 2021: July 13th, August 10th, September 14th, September 20th, October 12th, November 9th.
 - 2022: January 11th, February 8th, March 8th, April 12th, April 19th, May 10th, June 14th.
- Identify needs, if any, to help your meetings be more effective, efficient and collaborative.
 - NA
- List meeting material needs if any.
 - NA
- List meeting guest speakers or guest presentations which helped the Conservation District meet its goals and mission statement.
 - Chris Fichtel (The Nature Conservancy) and Rob Rule (Fallon Naval Air Station). Robert Burdick (Bureau of Land Management). Cheryl Mandich (US Fish and Wildlife). Tim Howell (BLM Fire Management Officer).
- Describe any training needs related to holding public meetings.
 - NA

Outreach and Education:

- What outreach methods did the Conservation District use in the fiscal year?
 - Newspaper article and advertisement, Facebook posts, discussions in person with various citizens and county commissioners.
- Were the outreach methods successful? Why or Why not?
 - Ads ran and social media posts were semi-successful in reaching citizens to learn about the conservation district and how the district can assist the community.
- What education opportunities did the Conservation District participate in?
 - LCCD awarded a scholarship to a local high school student.
- What is needed for the Conservation District to provide more outreach and education?
 - More discussion particularly during meetings about new ways to reach out to the community.

Natural Resources:

- What natural resource concerns did the Conservation District address?
 - Sage Grouse habitat, noxious weeds, water sources for large animals such as antelope and mule deer, cost share applications for the assistance of local landowners.
- What natural resources concerns were brought forward but not addressed? And why were they not addressed by the Conservation District?
 - Wild horse/burro concerns, cricket infestations. The CD was unable to assist because of a lack of authority and resources of said concerns.
- What natural resource concerns does the Conservation District need addressing or need more information on?
 - NA
- What natural resource concerns did the Conservation Districts Local Work Group with NRCS identify as the top priority?
 1. Water Quantity (Irrigation Pipeline/ Sprinkler, Irrigation Land Leveling)
 2. Energy (Pumping Plants)
 3. Water Quality (Livestock Watering Systems and Seeding)
 4. Degraded Plant Condition (Herbaceous Weed Control + Seeding)
- What technical assistance did the Conservation District or staff provide for NRCS?
 - LCCD provided opportunity outreach on NRCS programs through the CD's speaker meetings.

Projects:

- List any projects and give a brief description of the project and the Conservation Districts' role.
 1. Ferris Creek weed abatement project: LCCD approved and funded project.
 2. Crum Canyon/Indian Creek weed abatement project: LCCD approved and funded project.
 3. Home Ranch well and trough project: LCCD approved and funded project.
 4. Reese River weed abatement project: LCCD approved and funded project.
 5. Smith Creek Ranch weed abatement partnership project: LCCD partnered and funded project.
 6. Young Brothers Ranch Birch Creek fence and cattle guard project: LCCD approved and funded project.
 7. FFA Soil and Range Competition Sponsorship: LCCD provided funds for participant's lunch.

Grants:

- What new grant/s were awarded to the CD? Describe the grant work and goals, the amount awarded and any partners on the grant.
 - Lander County Wildlife funds totaled \$50,000.00. \$49,822.17 was used for multiple wildlife conservation projects including INDIAN CREEK weed spray, HOME RANCH well and trough and YOUNG BROTHER'S RANCH fencing and cattle guard projects. Lander County Commissioners approved doubling wildlife funds for the CD's next fiscal year, totaling \$100,000.00.
 - Lander County Operating funds totaled \$6,000.00. \$5,994.92 was used for operating costs including phone, NACD and NvACD annual dues, website/tech, cost shares, youth programs and POOL/PACT insurance.
- What grant/s were closed out this fiscal year? Describe the grant work and goals accomplished.
 - BLM weed grant was closed out this fiscal year. This year the grant funded several noxious weed spraying projects including FERRIS CREEK, SCHWIN RANCH, CRUM CANYON, and REESE RIVER.
 - County Operating funds were closed out. This year the grant funded multiple operating costs.
 - County Wildlife funds were closed out. This year the grant funded multiple wildlife conservation projects including INDIAN CREEK weed spray, HOME RANCH well and trough and YOUNG BROTHER'S RANCH fencing and cattle guard projects.
- What was the final amount of grant money spent and amount matched by the CD?
 - The final amount of BLM grant money spent was \$75,282.97 with \$24,294.00 matched by LCCD.
 - Employee wages paid by the CD totaled \$11,490.01. \$4,068.27 additional wages were matched by state funds.

- What grant/s are ongoing, and describe the work done this year? What is the current amount spent under the grant and the amount of match provided by the CD?
 - \$4,068.27 of State funds were used for employee wages.
 - \$74,596.09 of Lander County grant funds were used for operating costs, noxious weed abatement projects including FERRIS CREEK, REESE RIVER, and SCHWIN RANCH; and wildlife conservation projects including INDIAN CREEK, HOME RANCH and YOUNG BROTHER'S RANCH.
 - \$75,282.97 of BLM weed grant funds were used for noxious weed abatement projects including FERRIS CREEK, SCHWIN RANCH, CRUM CANYON, and REESE RIVER.
- What overall grant needs were identified by the Conservation District?
 - Funds for employee wages.
 - Employee training in grant proposal writing.
 - Employee training in project proposal writing.

Partners:

- What Partners did the Conservation District work within the FY?
 - BLM, NDOW, UNCE, NDF, Lander County.
- What Partners would the Conservation District like to collaborate with in the future?
 - Other CD's

Needs:

- Identify some of the needs that came up for the CD in the fiscal year and please identify them as on the following:
 - 1. Ongoing need: needed funding for employee wages. Outreach.
 - 2. Specific to FY: NA
 - 3. Addressed in FY: needed administrative support, grant manager and writer. Outreach.
 - 4: Other(explain): equipment to supply community needs including a rangeland drill and fire suppression equipment. Re-seeding and cheatgrass removal.
- What strategy is the CD taking to address those needs identified?
 - 1. Researching and discussing available qualified funds within county, state and/or federal grants. Discussion of different ways to reach community about utilizing CD resources.
 - 2. NA
 - 3. Hired new secretary with increased hours. Submitted newspaper advertisements and created social media page to help connect with community.
 - 4. Included funds request within qualifying grants for equipment needed within community.

Please add any information, photos, questions and or concerns identified as part of the fiscal year close-out process.

Signed by:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Paul Zamboni". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Date: 09-14-2022

Home Ranch Well, Trough and Solar Panel Project



Ferris Creek Weed Abatement Project



Before



After

**LANDER COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT
SUMMARY OF EXPENDITURES
Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2022**

EXPENDITURE AMOUNT

Spending Categories	
Telephone	\$406.69
Stewardship	
Postage	\$114.94
Copying Expense	
Office Supplies	\$355.22
Education-Higher Ed Scholarships & Range Camp	\$500.00
Outreach-	\$315.00
Equipment Purchase-Hardware/Software	
Equipment Expenses (maintenance, repair, operation)	
Dues – NvACD	\$600.00
Dues – NACD	\$775.00
Internet-website	\$658.80
Bond and Insurance Expenses	\$1,466.27
Donations-FFA, Humboldt Basin Cloud Seeding	\$3,490.77
Miscellaneous: Gift, petty cash	\$308.39
Employee wages	\$14,745.78
Cost Shares	\$1,353.13
Total	\$25,089.99
TRAVEL Expenditures	
Registrations	\$0.00
Hotel/Motel	\$0.00
Mileage/Airfare	\$0.00
Per Diem	\$0.00
Total	\$0.00
Grant Expenditures	
Grant #1 Lander County Wildlife, 09/20/2021	\$49,822.17
Grant #2 Lander County Weed, 09/20/2021	\$18,779.00
Grant #3 BLM Weed, 08/25/2021	\$75,282.97
Total	\$143,884.14
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$168,974.13

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FINANCIAL SUMMARY

For the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2021

BEGINNING OF YEAR FUND BALANCE:	
List all bank accounts:	
Checking Account.....06/30/2021	\$ 133,250.14
Savings Account.....	\$ -
Total funds carried forward.....	\$133,250.14
END OF YEAR INCOME:	
Total from Receipts this fiscal year:	
Checking Account.....(6/30/22)	\$ 168,974.13
Savings Account.....(6/30/22)	\$ -
Total from receipts page (automatically populates)	\$334,291.01
Total funds available.....	\$ 503,265.14
END OF YEAR EXPENDITURES:	
Total from expenditures page (automatically populates)	\$168,974.13
Any Pending expenditures	
Total expenditures:	\$168,974.13
SUMMARY: (these will populate as you fill out sheets)	
Total of Receipts	\$ 503,265.14
Total of Expenditures	\$168,974.13
Current Balance based off reported numbers	\$ 334,291.01

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GRANTS SUMMARY

For the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2022

Grant Name	BLM Weed	
Date Awarded	8/25/2021	
Amount Awarded	\$203,320.50	
Invoices: (Date)	Invoice Info	Award \$ tracking
5/25/2021	Job's Peak, Ferris Creek weed spraying 5/10,5/11,5/12	\$33,200.00
8/25/2021	Davey Resource Group Invoice #915947642, labor for Schwin Ranch weed spraying on 6/1	\$11,820.00
9/14/2021	Ron's Seed & Supply invoices #63425, 63425 and credit memo #79135, chemical for Crum Canyon spraying on 6/16, and credit for Inchauspe weed spraying on 8/13	\$11,199.00
5/27/2022	Boss Tanks Invoice #58577, chemical for Reese River weed spraying on 6/3	\$11,809.49
6/3/2022	Morris Ag Air & Sons Invoice #9933, chemical and fuel for Reese River weed spraying on 6/3	\$7,254.48
PAYMENTS: (Date)	Payment Info	
8/24/2021	Payment check number # 1808	\$33,200.00
9/16/2021	Payment check number # 1815	\$11,820.00
9/21/2021	Payment check number # 1818	\$11,199.00
6/9/2022	Payment check number # 1850	\$11,809.49
6/24/2022	Payment check number # 1853	\$7,254.48
Running Total amount left in grant	Invoice	

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USE OF STATE APPROPRIATED FUNDS

For the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2022

Amount State Appropriated Funds ROA:	\$4,068.27
Funds Expended:	
Staff Funds	\$4,068.27
Memberships	
Insurance	
Balance Remaining:	\$ -
Matching Funds Spent:	



Authorized Signature: