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# ANNUAL PLAN

JULY 1ST 2011 — JUNE 30TH 2012

## SOUTH GOSHEN CONSERVATION DISTRICT ANNUAL PLAN OF WORK



### **DISTRICT SUPERVISORS:**

**Curtis Grandstaff—Chairman**

**Dennis Thaler—Vice Chairman**

**Bob Baumgartner—Sec/Treasurer**

**Dan Jackson—Member**

**Boyd Yeik—Member**



**DISTRICT STAFF:**

NANCY BORTON–DISTRICT MANAGER

KARRI ELLIS–DISTRICT SECRETARY

CASSIE HURLEY–DISTRICT TECHNICIAN

**NRCS STAFF:**

RUSTY SCHWARTZ ~ DISTRICT CONSERVATIONIST

KENNY WOLFLEY ~ RANGE MANAGEMENT SPECIALIST

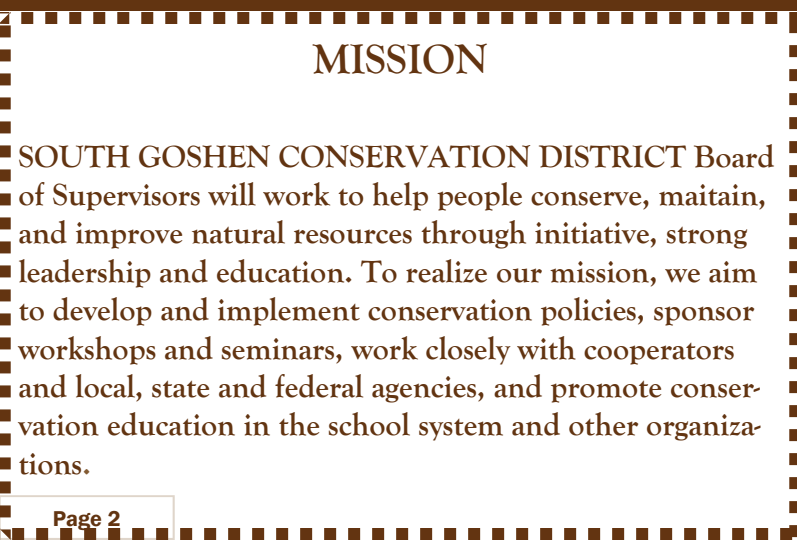
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JERRY HATTAN ~ IRRIGATION SPECIALIST–VOLUNTEER

LEISHA ORR ~ ULTIMA OFFICE ASSISTANT

**MISSION**

SOUTH GOSHEN CONSERVATION DISTRICT Board of Supervisors will work to help people conserve, maintain, and improve natural resources through initiative, strong leadership and education. To realize our mission, we aim to develop and implement conservation policies, sponsor workshops and seminars, work closely with cooperators and local, state and federal agencies, and promote conservation education in the school system and other organizations.



**FISCAL YEAR 2011-2012 BUDGET**



**REVENUES:**

Tree Sales	\$3000.00
State Appropriation	\$8823.52
Auto Fees	\$5000.00
State Snow Fence Maintenance	\$1500.00
County Living Snow Fence	\$5000.00
Malm 2009 Snow Fence Carryover	\$3500.00
NRCS Consultant Funds	\$10000.00
WDA Water Monitoring Funds	\$4270.00
Reimbursements	\$ 7000.00.
Interest	\$300.00
Estimated Cash on Hand	\$30500.00
Mill Levy Requested	<u>\$19625.48</u>
<b>TOTAL REVENUES :</b>	<b>\$98519.00</b>



**ANTICIPATED EXPENDITURES:**

Administration	\$34735.00
Operations	\$42520.00
Indirect Costs	\$ 9264.00
Capital Outlay	<u>\$12,000.00</u>
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES:</b>	<b>\$98519.00</b>





## OBJECTIVE 6: Board Duties in South Goshen

### Conservation District

Review MOU, working relationships, working committees & management of all fund & equipment on an annual basis.

Sponsor employees & supervisors to trainings & workshops to help them carry out their responsibilities.

Assist NPVCD in the annual employee reviews with a quorum from SGCD.

Assist District Manager develop and distribute Annual Plan of Work for FY 2012 and Annual Report for FY 2011.

Sponsor SGCD Supervisors & Employees to NACD and WACD Conventions

Participate in WACD Awards Program and pay WACD and NACD dues.

Attend Board Meetings & be prepared for Board Responsibilities. Submit board meeting minutes to WACD, WDA and Area II Directors on a monthly basis.

Have Chairman or rep from SGCD serve as a member of the USDA local work group.

Co-host an legislative educational day or meeting with the NPVCD and LFLCD districts on vital issues that the Districts need support on during the legislation sessions.



## COOPERATING AGENCIES

USDA Agencies: FSA, RD, NRCS

Goshen County Commissioners

Goshen County Weed & Pest

Goshen Mutual Ditch Company

National Association of Conservation Districts

Environmental Protection Agency

Southeast FFA Students

North Platte Valley Conservation District

Goshen County Extension Service

Wyoming Game & Fish Commission

Horse Creek Irrigation District

Wyoming Association of Cons. Districts

Wyoming Department of Ag

University of Wyoming

Lingle-Fort Laramie Cons. District

Corp of Engineers

APHIS

Wyrulec Company

Department of Environmental Quality

Goshen County School District #1

US Fish & Wildlife Service

Towns of Yoder, LaGrange, Hawk Springs

Wyoming Water Development Commission

Wyoming State Water Office



## IT IS THE POLICY OF THE SGCD TO:

- ⇒ **PROTECT** land within the district against soil deterioration
- ⇒ **REBUILD** damaged land
- ⇒ **IMPROVE** cropland, grassland, recreation areas and wildlife habitat
- ⇒ **REDUCE** floodwater and sediment damage
- ⇒ **STABILIZE** critical blowout, runoff and sediment producing areas
- ⇒ **DEVELOP** water for agricultural, municipal, industrial, recreational and wildlife uses
- ⇒ **IMPROVE** water management, water distribution, water conservation and water quality
- ⇒ **ENCOURAGE** landowners and operators to become involved in conservation programs to protect their natural resources
- ⇒ **COOPERATE** with Local, State and Federal Agencies

THE NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION SERVICE (NRCS) TAKES OWNERSHIP IN SOUTH GOSHEN CONSERVATION DISTRICT'S (SGCD) ANNUAL PLAN OF WORK AND WILL ASSIST IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF IT.

### GOALS & OBJECTIVES

The goal of the South Goshen Conservation District (SGCD) is to provide leadership for the improvement of the health of the natural resource base, empower the residents of SGCD to maximize their profitability and contribute to the quality of life values identified as important by the people of the district.



## **OBJECTIVE 5:** Initiate and coordinate educational/ Informational programs within SGCD.

Host a meeting with local legislators and County Commissioner to update and inform them on district projects and upcoming legislative issues.

Provide stewardship material to local churches, schools and businesses and provide presentations to educate them on the partnership of Stewardship.

Sponsor a educational/informational booth at the Goshen County Fair on district projects with LFLCD, NPVCD and NRCS. Provide demonstrations throughout the fair with water flow and enviroscape models to show how pollution happens and management practices to control pollution.

Publish 1 yearly district newsletter to send out to landowners and place the other quarterly newsletters on our website that will have district activities and programs in cooperation with other 2 conservation districts & NRCS.

Work with the local FFA Chapter at the Southeast School and Eastern Wyoming College's program to encourage young people to stay involved in Agriculture.

Promote educational presentations to local schools, organization and clubs with the use of the water flow module, enviroscape model and Ag In the Classroom Tool Chest Info and other information that becomes available.

Assist Goshen County Cattlewomen with the 4th Grade Ag Expo on the 22rd of September 2011. The presentation will include our Enviroscape Model and talking about how pollution can happen with different areas within a Watershed.

**TEAM LEADER = CURTIS GRANDSTAFF**



**OBJECTIVE 4:** Assist landowners install best Management practices on their Operations within SGCD.

Work with Absentee landowners through workshops and newsletters on proper grazing management, crop rotations and soil erosion issues that need to be maintained on their property.

Assist landowners understand rules and regulations on land use programs such as AFO/CAFO, Carbon Trading, etc. through workshops, news articles, tours and information on district website.

Encourage landowner within SGCD to participate in Management Cost-Share Programs( weeds, prairie dogs and Russian Olive) with Goshen County W&P.

Encourage landowners to participant in the Salt Cedar and Russian Olive Control Programs along Riparian Areas within SGCD and in conjunction with the partnership between Goshen-Platte and Converse County's management plan..

Provide assistance and support with Goshen County Extension Service, NRCS and FSA on issues such as droughts, insects infestations, diseases and other conditions that affect the stability of our natural resources. (ex: cut worm, grasshoppers, pine beetle, etc.)

Provide Energy Developers with technical assistance on reclamation.

**TEAM LEADER = BOYD YEIK**



**OBJECTIVE 1: Conserve and improve the quality of water in SGCD**

Sponsor Water Monitoring Day with LaGrange and Yoder Schools in conjunction with the World Wide Monitoring Day on October 6, 2011.

Work with WACD, NRCS and cooperators on proper designs and installation of waste management practices.

Support WACD on all Water Quality Issues and in the collection of data to validate the accuracy on random points within Goshen County for the state-wide UAA Model.

Continue to assist Town of Yoder on Watershed plan proposal and monitoring program.

Assist landowners with financial assistance through a block grant from WACD/ NRCS to obtain an approved AFO/CAFO design to get DEQ permitted.

Provide Educational programs and projects within the local school system by presenting our Enviroscope Model that demonstrates a watershed and our Waterflow model that show how groundwater within Watershed can be polluted.

Assist and work with the Goshen County Commissioners & Goshen County Planning Commission on land use plans , subdivision reviews and implementing guidelines for land development's.

**TEAM LEADER = BOB BAUMGARTNER**

**OBJECTIVE 2:** Develop awareness and understanding of integrated pest management in SGCD.

Maintain a good working relationship with Goshen County Weed & Pest in Managing Dalmatian Toad Flax, Salter Cedar, Bind Weed, Leafy Spurge and other noxious weeds.

Continue to be a sponsor of the CRM on Springer Wildlife Habitat Area I, II, and III. Enter partnerships with other entities/agencies to pursue grant funds to assist with programs, projects and demonstration plots within SGCD

Invite Weed & Pest Supervisor to a board meeting to update board on issues within SGCD. Be a sponsor of local tours on projects within our district on pest management area.

Co-sponsor with LFLCD and NPVCD and Goshen County Weed & Pest a local rural & urban Pesticide Waste Pick Up day with grant funds obtained from Southeast RC&D Council and Wyoming Department of Agriculture.

Submit comments on vital issues that will affect landowners within SGCD to make sure grass root voices are heard.

Work with Goshen County Weed & Pest with education information articles, pamphlets and word of mouth about their Mosquito control program in controlling West Nile within Goshen County.

Be an active sponsor of the Prairie Dog Management CRM within SGCD in conjunction with Goshen County Weed & Pest and local landowners.

Assist landowners and Goshen County Weed & Pest with Salt Cedar/Russian Olive , Puncture Vine and other noxious weed control methods and demonstration projects.

**TEAM LEADER = DENNIS THALER**

**OBJECTIVE 3 :** Promote windbreaks to enhance energy, conservation of soil and wildlife habitat in SGCD

Work with Goshen County Commissioners, Wyoming State Forestry and Wyoming Department of Transportation and Local landowners on establishing living Snow Fences along County and State roadways.

Continue to support the Goshen County Conservation Districts tree program. Work with local schools on educational information on the benefits of trees.

Assist landowners with the application process in obtaining funds for projects. Provide cost share funding to landowners within SGCD on the installation of farmstead/feedlot windbreaks .

Develop and promote wetland projects with US Fish & Wildlife Service, Wyoming Game & Fish and NRCS.

Work with the local Rooster Booster Club on wildlife plantings and replacement of trees in prior plantings. Work with landowners who have taken out Russian Olive Trees in sensitive areas to replant other trees to stabilize these areas.

Sponsor and support a tree planting project with the Southeast FFA Students at Southeast High School in Yoder and at the Goshen County Fairgrounds.

**TEAM LEADER = DAN JACKSON**