

**SOUTH BIG HORN CONSERVATION DISTRICT  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
January 6, 2026**

The regular monthly board meeting of the South Big Horn Conservation District was held Tuesday, January 6, 2026, at the Farm Service Center with the meeting starting at 4:02pm. The meeting was called to order by George Kelso. Those in attendance were George Kelso, Linda Hamilton, Eddie Johnson, Howard Wildman and Ashley Coenen; District Manager, Laura Galloway, District Conservationist. Guests: Bob West and Roger Hall.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**MINUTES FROM LAST MEETING**

The minutes of the December 2025 meeting were reviewed; a motion was made by Eddie to approve the minutes. Linda seconded. Motion carried.

**TREASURERS REPORT**

Checking Account***5307	\$ 50,810.20
Tree Acct Checking***5343	\$ 755.65
Tree Acct Savings***2184	\$ 7,491.03
Reserve Account***7053	\$ 19,103.60
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$78,160.48</b>

Bank statements were reviewed and reconciled by Ashley.

PAYEE	FOR	AMOUNT	CHECK #
EFTPS	Payroll Expenses	\$942.85	ACH
Wyo Retirement System	Retirement	\$652.53	ACH
TCT	Internet	\$62.45	ACH
Visa	Misc.	\$1,992.73	ACH
Ashley Coenen	Wages	\$1,414.86	ACH
Optum Bank	HSA	\$300.00	ACH
Big Horn Federal	Direct Deposit	\$2.00	ACH
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Ashley Coenen	November Mileage	\$278.60	5625
Ashley Coenen	Wages	\$1,414.86	ACH
Big Horn Federal	Direct Deposit Fee	\$2.00	ACH

Howard made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report. Linda seconded. Motion carried.

**MONTHLY BILLS** – Eddie made a motion to pay all regular bills for the month of January 2026. Linda seconded. Motion carried.

- EFTPS - \$942.85



# Big Horn County NRCS Field Office Report

## February 2026 Meeting



### EQIP

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- Eligibility will need to be submitted by February 20<sup>th</sup>.
- We are working through the eligibility and assessments on the applicants that requested to be deferred to 2026.
- We have a new cost list that is very confusing and doesn't have some of the practices that we normally fund. This is a national cost list instead of an area one like we are used to.

### Water Smart Program

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- Adam has been working with these applicants to finish up eligibility and assess them.

### CSP

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- Has the same deadlines as regular EQIP this year.

### RPP

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- New initiative for 2026 25% of our total EQIP and CSP allocation
- Required minimum 5 year contracts – whole farm/ranch planning
- Requires soil testing by a qualified individual in year 1 and year 5 of contract
- Requires a primary practice be scheduled on one land unit. Secondary practices can be scheduled if they benefit or are needed to make the primary practice work.

### CTA (Conservation Technical Assistance)

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- Taking new applications and making field visits on those.
- Fairly caught up with the backlog of payments, modification, and other documents from the shutdown.
- Assisted producers who called or e-mailed with Field visits for RC concern issues and questions about programs and projects.

### Other

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- The new structure for the accounts under the programs was sent out. Each state is limited to 5 Ranking pools (WY choose to offer 4 with categories under them) Rocky Mountain, High Plains, Water, Wildlife. Funds can be moved around within these as needed.
- Rocky Mountain and High Plains will each get \$10,096,250 and have these categories.
  - Cropland
  - Livestock (Range/Pasture/Headquarters)
  - Forest
  - High Tunnels
  - WRIR
  - Regenerative Pilot Program
  - SDFR
  - BFR

- Sate Water Account will be allocated \$5,470,000 have these categories
  - WME (Water Management Entity)
  - Wetland and Fish Habitat
    - Source Water Protection – Fremont
    - Source Water Protection – Goshen
  
- State General/Wildlife Account will be allocated \$417,256,632 and have these Categories.
  - Joint Chief’s Landscape Restoration Initiative
  - Migratory Big Game Initiative
  - Sage Grouse Initiative
  - NWQI (Multiple Categories)
  - WaterSMART (Multiple Categories)
  - Colorado River Salinity

Snow Pack

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Respectfully Submitted,

Laura Galloway D.C.\_\_\_\_

Basin	2/9/2026	2/2/2026	1/26/2026	2/9/2025	2/9/2024
Snake	94	97	102	102	83
Madison	88	91	92	95	75
Yellowstone	110	112	117	91	64
Wind	99	105	109	109	97
Bighorn	82	84	85	103	79
Shoshone	99	102	105	94	76
Powder	75	78	78	87	53
Tongue	60	62	62	99	62
Belle Fourche	70	70	49	95	59
Cheyenne	77	77	59	84	61
Upper North Platte	65	69	68	92	88
Sweetwater	89	104	110	111	91
Lower North Platte	38	40	36	82	71
Laramie	54	58	58	88	78
South Platte	4	4	4	42	38
Little Snake	63	66	67	88	96
Upper Green	95	100	103	107	79
Lower Green	76	81	83	107	106
Upper Bear	72	77	78	98	107
Statewide SNOTEL Percent of Median	80	84	85	97	84
Weighted State Average (Area)	75	79	86	95	78

red = down    blue = up    green = same

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## S N O W - P R E C I P I T A T I O N    U P D A T E

Based on Mountain Data from NRCS SNOTEL Sites

As of MONDAY: FEBRUARY 9 , 2026

BASIN Data Site Name	ELEV. (Ft)	SNOW WATER EQUIVALENT %			TOTAL PRECIPITATION %		
Current	Median	Median	Current	Median	Med		
WYOMING							
WIND RIVER							
Burroughs Creek	8760	6.4	-M	*	13.2	-M	*
Castle Creek	8410	3.4	5.0	68	5.8	6.2	94
Cold Springs	9640	4.9	5.2	94	9.6	6.3	152
Deer Park	9690	9.8	9.0	109	11.8	10.7	110
Hobbs Park	10080	8.7	8.8	99	10.3	7.8	132
Kirwin	9580	9.0	7.1	127	13.7	8.0	171
Little Warm	9370	7.4	6.8	109	11.0	7.8	141
South Pass	9040	8.3	8.6	97	10.0	9.6	104
St. Lawrence Alt	8610	2.3	-M	*	5.9	-M	*
Togwotee Pass	9590	15.8	15.0	105	20.5	16.6	123
Townsend Creek	8720	3.6	5.8	62	7.3	7.2	101
Basin Index (%)				99			125
BIGHORN BASIN							
Bald Mtn.	9360	12.1	11.8	103	12.5	10.4	120
Bear Trap Meadow	8200	3.2	4.1	78	7.2	5.4	133
Bone Springs Div	9340	8.9	10.6	84	8.7	9.6	91
Grave Springs	8560	2.7	5.1	53	6.4	6.0	107
Kirwin	9580	9.0	7.1	127	13.7	8.0	171
Marquette	8800	1.7	4.5	38	4.8	6.2	77
Middle Powder	7760	3.8	6.2	61	7.5	6.2	121
Owl Creek	8990	1.2	3.7	32	4.1	4.0	102
Powder River Pass	9480	7.8	7.2	108	11.6	8.5	136
Shell Creek	9570	9.2	9.6	96	10.6	9.0	118
Timber Creek	7910	.0	3.2	0	3.6	5.1	71
Basin Index (%)				82			116
SHOSHONE RIVER							
Blackwater	9830	16.3	15.6	104	19.0	15.0	127
Evening Star	9030	21.2	18.3	116	26.2	19.8	132
Marquette	8800	1.7	4.5	38	4.8	6.2	77
Sylvan Lake	8440	12.0	13.2	91	18.9	16.0	118
Sylvan Road	7140	6.6	8.6	77	14.8	12.4	119
Younts Peak	8340	11.4	9.6	119	16.4	10.1	162
Basin Index (%)				99			126