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Johnson County Commissioner Bill Novotny

A conservation easement owned by Johnson County is closer to being transferred to the Wyoming Stock Growers Land Trust after the county commissioners approved a number of motions at their last meeting.

Commission Chair Bill Novotny explained that the county had been given a conservation easement on the Meadow Wood Ranch on Clear Creek east of Buffalo, but were not equipped to manage or oversee the easement, which put the county in a position of liability.

The solution, which all parties have agreed to, was to have the county hand over the easement to the Land Trust, which oversees these types of conservation easements.

At their last regular meeting, the commissioners passed four separate motions to begin the transfer process.

The first motion transferred the conservation easement and the one acre of land owned by the county within the C-Bar-V Ranch (formerly the Meadow Wood Ranch) to the Wyoming Stock Growers Land Trust.

The second motion amended the deed of the conservation easement to fix discrepancies found during the survey of the easement by the Land Trust.

The third motion assigned the deed for the conservation easement to the Wyoming Stock Growers Land Trust.

The final motion created the Quitclaim Deed to transfer the one acre of land within the ranch to the Land Trust so they can be a party to the conservation easement.

Commissioner Novotny said the transfer of the easement is good news for the [county](#). ▶

If all goes as planned, the Wyoming Stock Growers Land Trust is expected to recognize, accept and finalize the agreement at their annual banquet and meetings in August.

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