



Kootenai-Shoshone Soil and Water Conservation District
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Date: January 9th, 2019

Time: 9:00 a.m.

Place: NRCS Conference Room, 7830 Meadowlark Way, Suite C-1, Coeur d’Alene, ID 83815

AGENDA

I. Call to Order

II. District Business

- a. Minutes from December’s Meeting ACTION ITEM
- b. Treasurer’s Report ACTION ITEM
- c. Approval for Grant Submission for Urban Agriculture Conservation Initiative ACTION ITEM

III. Agency Reports

- a. NRCS: Andrea
- b. ISWCC: Brad
- c. KSSWCD: Updates

IV. Other Business

- a. Boat Station Meeting Update from Dec. 19th, 2018
- b. Growers Meeting ACTION ITEM
- c. Bonner County SWD letter to the Board.
- d. Reimbursement of mileage for Karla to Federal Court House for fingerprinting. ACTION ITEM
- e. Tree Seedlings Update

V. On Going Business

- a. Next Meeting February 13th 2019 at 9am NRCS Conference Room

VI. Adjournment ACTION ITEM

*The Kootenai-Shoshone Soil & Water Conservation District Supervisors may also hold an executive session to discuss personnel matters pursuant to Idaho Code #67-2345. No formal action will be taken during this session.

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"Putting conservation on the ground by promoting stewardship"

Minutes

Date: January 9, 2019

Present

Ed Pommerening, Chairman
Bob Burke, Vice-Chairman
Stan Thornton, Secretary/Treasurer
Linda Ely
Bob Flagor
David Fortier
Mike Schlepp
Laurin Scarcello
Andrea Burton, NRCS
Bruce Davis
Brad Shelton, ISWCC
Diane Partridge, IDL

Absent (Board members)

Meeting called to order by Chairman Ed Pommerening at 9:00 a.m.

Mike Schlepp moved and Bob Burke seconded the motion to approve the December minutes. After discussion the minutes were amended to remove the reference to Bruce Davis and state that mileage will be handled differently next season. **Motion Carried.**

Laurin Scarcello moved and Linda Ely seconded the motion to approve the December financial report without any additions or corrections. **Motion Carried.**

Linda Ely moved and Mike Schlepp seconded the motion to approve the submission of the Urban Agriculture Conservation Initiative Grant to the NACC. The NACC sent out an RFP to all conservation districts and will be awarding this grant of \$50,000.00 to 18 districts. Our grant is for the Kootenai Environmental Alliance for their Gathering Garden irrigation system as well as outreach programs.

Andrea Burton with NRCS stepped in for Aubrey Hoxie who was in Boise for training. Andrea Burton updated the board on the EQIP (Environmental Quality Incentive Program). The NRCS currently has 23 active contracts, and 12 active RCP-EQIP contracts, and have received 60 plus applications for the upcoming FY2019. The majority of these are all forestry applications for practice implementation. A small majority are streambank, pasture improvement, or irrigation. Andrea Burton reminded that the deadline for applications was January 18, 2019.

Andrea Burton said that the NRCS is looking to do some reorganization. The NRCS will be participating in a teleconference on Friday January 11, 2019 to learn of the new organization's plan.

Andrea Burton said the NRCS is funded through January 18, 2019 during the government shutdown.

Andrea Burton invited the board members to a Local Working Group Meeting being held on January 29, 2019 that will be hosted by the NRCS. Laurin Scarcello will be attending from the board.

Brad Shelton with ISWCC was in attendance and explained that there will be a new procedure in place to submit our Request for Technical Assistance application that are due by March 31, 2019. Brad Shelton will go around to the 4 districts and train each administrator on the Tracker Software on the new way to submit our application. There will be a teleconference on January 14, 2019 for the Financial Match Report. On January 18, 2019 the commission is going to present the new budget to JFAC for approval.

Karla Freeman, our new administrator updated the board on the Tree Seedling programs. We are over 50% in sales of trees just for our county.

Stan Thornton attended the meeting in Boise, ID on December 19, 2018 concerning the boat stations. Items that were discussed were general issues, nothing specific was acted on. Stan Thornton said that we are waiting for the final numbers and approval from the previous year 2018 as well as new MOU's for the 2019 season from Nick Zurfluh with ISDA.

Our boat station manager Bruce Davis was in attendance and was asking about some of the issues he had concerning the boat stations. One of the issues Bruce Davis had was about the safety and health of boat station employees during the smoky part of the season. Stan Thornton suggested to Bruce Davis that he get a quote on how many masks he would need for the employees to wear and still be able to work under the smoke conditions.

Stan Thornton and Bruce Davis also discussed putting a procedure in place for tracking the mileage of the truck, since last season we did not claim all the miles that we could have. This would not only be beneficial for everyone to be on the same page but for audit purposes as well.

Stan Thornton spoke to Nick Zurfluh about how to handle the closing of a boat station after an employee came in to work. Would the employee get paid? Nick Zurfluh told Stan Thornton that this would be a District decision. Stan Thornton and Bruce Davis also talked about coming up with a policy on how to handle this issue.

Stan Thornton also stated that in the meeting he attended in Boise, the issue of public relations came up. If any employees are approached by the media whether it be press or television, we are to let Nick Zurfluh know as a courtesy.

The Grower's Meeting was on the agenda and Bob Burke and Laurin Scarcello discussed the time frame as well as who the targeted attendees would be. Since the time frame is closing in, maybe it would be an idea to move the meeting to the Fall. Nothing was decided on this and we are putting this on the agenda for next month's meeting.

Bob Burke addressed the letter from the Bonner Soil & Water Conservation District. The board was in agreement that what transpired was unintentional and that we all need to have better communication. We have a response stating this and that we would like to move past this and work hand in hand. This response will be mailed out January 9, 2019.

Linda Ely moved to reimburse Karla Freeman on mileage to the court house for fingerprinting and Bob Burke seconded the motion. **Motion Carried.**

Ed Pommerening and Bob Burke discussed needing to fill an empty seat on the board with a Shoshone county resident. Bob Burke suggested we appoint Ed Pommerening to continue his seat on the board until a replacement is found. We will put this on next months agenda as an action item.

Meeting adjourned at 11:45 am.