



Kootenai-Shoshone Soil and Water Conservation District
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Date: January 19, 2022
Time: 1:30 pm

Place: Kootenai County Licensing Building – 451 Government Way, Coeur d’Alene, ID 83815 Meeting Room 1 A

AGENDA

I. Call to Order

II. District Business

- a. Approve Minutes for December’s Meeting **ACTION ITEM**
- b. Treasurer’s Report **ACTION ITEM**

III. Agency Reports

- a. NRCS: Lance Burton
- b. ISWCC: Katie Yoder
- c. KSSWCD: Karla Freeman

IV. Other Business

- a. Jon Groth – Kingstson-Cataldo Sewer District
- b. Envirothon Donation – **ACTION ITEM**
- c. Boise Business Meeting/Legislative Days Update – Bob Flagor
- d. Kidd Creek – Monitoring/Reporting Cost Estimate – **ACTION ITEM**

V. On Going Business

- a. Next Meeting February 9, at 9:00 to be announced.

VII. 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(1)(a) & (b)5. No formal action will be taken during this session.

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“Putting conservation on the ground by promoting stewardship”

Minutes

Date: January 19,2022

Present

Bob Burke – Vice Chairman
Linda Ely – Supervisor
Bob Flagor – Supervisor
Laurin Scarcello – Supervisor
Karla Freeman, KSSWCD
Katie Yoder – ISWCC
Jon Groth – Kingston Cataldo Sewer Distrit
John Mobbs - Landowner

Absent (Board members)

John Minichino, Jr. – Supervisor
Bill Lillibridge – ISWCC
Wes Evans – Supervisor
Lance Burton - NRCS

Meeting was held at the Kootenai County Licensing Building located at 451 Government Way Room 1B in Coeur d’Alene, ID 83815

Meeting called to order by Vice-Chairman Bob Burke at 1:30 pm.

Laurin Scarcello moved, and Bob Flagor seconded the motion to approve the December 2021 minutes. MOTION CARRIED.

Bob Flagor moved, and Linda Ely seconded the motion to approve the December 2021 financial reports. MOTION CARRIED.

Lance Burton, NRCS was not in attendance but did have updates of:

Currently NRCS has 80 EQIP applications in team 2, 80% re forestry in the amount of \$550,000 in the Local Work Group, \$70,000 for RCPP.

Aubrey Hoxie has officially started her new position in Washington state and her position is being flown this week. NRCS is hoping to have her position in the Coeur d’Alene office filled by late summer.

Emily Corsis who is currently working on a grant from NACD and has been accepted to the Pathway Student program and will start with the NRCS in late February 2022.

Water supply look as of January 1,2022 total precipitation at 145% of normal. Snowpack ranges from 90 to 120% of normal as of January 1,2022.

Katie Yoder ISWCC was in attendance and gave updates that the northeastern Idaho engineer position has not been filled. Katie also updated that the governor didn’t fund WQPA.

Karla Freeman, District Administrator gave updates that the 5 Year and Annual plan are due by March 31, 2022. Karla asked the board to review the plan for last year and have any suggestions to her in the next week or two so we can have his finalized.

Karla updated that the district is currently sold out of all the tree seedlings for the Spring 2022.

Karla gave updates on the pricing to have hats made for the boat station employees from the last vendor that produced these hats. Karla will research other companies for price a price comparison and will update the board at the February meeting.

Karla updated on the Kidd Creek monitoring project. Karla updated that Katie Yoder, ISWCC, Karissa Nelson, LHATC, Shane Skaar, US Army Corps, JoEllen Ross-Hauser, LHATC and herself held a zoom meeting to discuss what is expected from the district in this monitoring project. The district is needing to send in a cost estimate for the monitoring of this project.

Jon Groth with the Kingston Cataldo Sewer District was in attendance to give an update on this projected project. Jon first thanked the board for the letter of support and the project is still moving forward. Jon updated that DEQ has approved the 130-acre site for this water irrigation project. The project will only require 35 acers of the land leaving the balance open for other projects. This land is owned is currently owned by Stimson Lumber company. Stimson is considering a land exchange with the sewer district. The projected cost of this project will be between 4 million and 5.5 million once completed. The station will be able to pump 15 million gallons per year for irrigation. This project completion date of this project is late spring of 2023 with construction starting in the spring 2022. Jon has reached out to the board to ask for some involvement from the district. Jon will get more details on what they would like the district to do and will be put on the next agenda for discussion.

Next on the agenda was the discussion and action item for a donation to the Envirothon. This event will be held online again due to the ongoing COVID restrictions. Laurin Scarcello motioned, and Bob Flagor seconded the motion to donate the same amount as 2021 year. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Next were updates and discussion on the Business Meeting and the Legislative Days that was held in Boise on Monday January 17 and Tuesday January 18, 2022. Bob Flagor mentioned at the Legislative Social there were three Legislatures from our district that he was able to speak with on projects that the district is involved in. Linda Ely gave the updates on the resolutions that were on the agenda for the Business meeting:

Resolution R-21-1 – Conservation District Board Size – PASSED

Resolution R-21-2 – Division Commission Appointments – PASSED

Resolution R-21-3 – Board Transparency and Accountability – REJECTED

Resolution R-21-4 – IASCD Bylaws Update – PASSED

Resolution R-21-5- Cover Crop Species Selection -PASSED

Resolution R-21-6 – Annual Conference – REJECTED

Linda Ely brought to the floor an emergency resolution concerning zoom meetings. This resolution needed 2/3 of the vote to be brought to the floor. It was short by one vote and was not brought to the floor for discussion or a vote.

Next on the agenda was an action item for the cost estimate for the Kidd Creek Monitoring Project. The board amended this action to reflect that Karla would submit an estimate at her discretion to be no less than \$2,500 per report and give Karla the ability to negotiate a high cost if needed. Laurin Scarcello motioned, and Lina Ely seconded the motion. **MOTION CARRIED.**

John Mobbs, who was in attendance asked to be on the agenda for February 2022 to discuss the Pan Handle Farm Corridor.

Laurin Scarcello also asked to be added to the February 2022 agenda so he could update us and discuss open space. Laurin invited all board members to sit in on an Aquifer meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 3:25 pm.