



**Kootenai-Shoshone Soil and Water Conservation District**  
7830 Meadowlark Way, Suite C1 – Coeur d'Alene, Idaho 83815 – Phone (208) 762-4939

Date: February 10, 2021

Time: 9:00 a.m.

Place: DUE TO COVID19 – NRCS Building is Closed  
Meeting will be held at Kootenai County Licensing Building at 451 Government Way, Coeur d'Alene, ID 83814 First Floor Conference Room 1A

**AGENDA**

**I. Call to Order**

**II. District Business**

- a. Approve Minutes from January's Meeting **ACTION ITEM**
- b. Treasurer's Report **ACTION ITEM**

**III. Agency Reports**

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

**IV. Other Business**

- a. DEQ – Partnership – Kristin Lowell
- b. 5 Year/Annual Plan Submission – **ACTION ITEM**
- c. Sponsorship of Boat Station Container Murals – **ACTION ITEM**
- d. Division Meeting – Spring

**V. On Going Business**

- a. Next Meeting March 10, 2021 at 9am to be announced at a later date.

**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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Minutes

**Date: February 10, 2021**

Present

Ed Pommerening – Chairman  
Bob Burke – Vice - Chairman  
Laurin Scarcello – Supervisor  
Linda Ely – Supervisor  
Bob Flagor – Supervisor  
Wes Evans – Supervisor  
John Minichino, Jr. – Supervisor  
Stan Thornton – Associate Supervisor/Treasurer  
Karla Freeman, KSSWCD  
Kristen Lowell- DEQ  
Bill Lillibridge – ISWCC - Telephone

Absent (Board members)

Aubrey Hoxie - NRCS  
Brad Shelton - ISCC

**Meeting was held at Kootenai County Licensing Building located at 451 Government Way, Coeur d'Alene, ID 83815 due to the NRCS office still being closed due to COVID-19.**

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

Bob Flagor moved and Bob Burke seconded the motion to approve the January 2021 minutes. **Motion Carried.**

Bob Flagor moved and Linda Ely seconded the motion to approve the January 2021 financial reports. **Motion Carried.**

Aubrey Hoxie, NRCS was not in attendance but did provide a handout of the updates from her agency.

Brad Shelton, ISWCC was not in attendance and he provided a handout of the updates. Bill Lillibridge, ISWCC was in attendance via speaker telephone and presented on the yearly allocations, base and capacity funding for each district. The handout gave past dollar amounts that each district had received. It also explained the way the match funding was calculated. The ISWCC is seeking comments and ideas about are the districts happy with the allocations, if not what could we do differently and how would you like the disbursements to go in the future. Additional funding versus match funding? What would each District's recommendations be? What are the fixed operational costs to support an increase in base and capacity allocations?

Karla Freeman, District Administrator updated the ongoing projects:

Wolf Lodge Creek Reach #3 – All invoices have been paid out to all sub-contractors except one invoice that will come in late spring after cleanup on the two landowners' property is completed. This invoice should be around \$3,650.00. The final report was submitted to DEQ for the 319 BMP portion of the grant and asked that DEQ close this grant and mark completed.

Karla updated on the tree seedling program. At the time of the board meeting, we had 2735 trees left to sell. The District has made an additional payment as per the schedule and has one payment remaining to be paid in March 2021.

Karla updated that the MOU for the boat stations should be here next week as per the conversation with ISDA. Once we receive the MOU it will be mailed out to all board members and voted on via email. We are being told that everything should be the same except one boat station opening up a month later than the previous year, that boat station is Rose Lake and was based on the numbers of inspections in prior years.

Karla updates that Bob Flagor, Ed Pommerening and herself will be turning in the truck on Tuesday February 16<sup>th</sup> and pick up the new truck and sign all lease paperwork that same day at Dave Smith.

Karla also updated that no board member needed to go into the ICCU to sign the bank signatures cards. Karla was able to have them signed at this meeting and has already dropped it off at the branch office.

Kristen Lowell, DEQ was asked to attend the meeting and talk about the agency partnerships and the grant process. Kristen is the regional 319 Grant Coordinator. Kristen explained that the 319-grant process is a competitive process. Each agency looking for a grant must present their grant proposal application to a Basin Advisory Group (BAG), each grant application is then ranked and can sometimes take up to two years before the project is on the ground. It can be a lengthy process as the 319 BMP Grant process is much quicker.

Kristen spoke about past grants with the Districts and just how important all the inter-agency support help complete projects. She spoke of match sources from agency and how crucial it is for each grant.

Kristen explained that the 319 falls under the Clean Water Act and is federal monies and the 319 BMP is state monies. She also explained that the maximum amount on each grant is limited to \$250,000.

Next on the agenda was submission approval for the 5 Year/Annual Plan. Wes Evans motioned and Laurin Scarcello seconded the motion. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Next on the agenda was the sponsorship of have murals painted on the boat station buildings. Kim Holtzer, ISDA had requested this be discussed but after pitching this idea at the state level it was shot down and no motion passed.

Next on the agenda was discussion concerning the Division Spring meeting. Karla had talked with Sarah Garcia, Bonner County District Administrator and Leann Daman, Benewah County District Administrator and both reported back that their board members would only be interested in participating via Zoom. Discussion was had about working out more logistics so we could have a meeting in March.

Wes Evans, Supervisor passed out a handout on no-till drills and asked this be added to the March 2021 agenda for more discussion.

**Next board meeting will be March 10, 2021 at 9:00 am at this same location.**

Meeting adjourned at 11:15am.