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

Date: March 11, 2020

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. Approve Minutes from February’ 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. John Mobbs – No Till Drill - Information
- b. Kate Painter – Regenerative Ranching-Funding Request
- c. Betty Mobbs – Farm Corridor
- d. NACD TA Grant- NRCS -Part Time Planner
- e. Approve 5 YR/Annual Plan -Due March 31, 20 – **ACTION ITEM**
- f. Approve Request for Assistance – Due March 31,20 – **ACTION ITEM**
- g. Wolf Lodge Creek Reach #3 – Wood Sourcing- Funk’s property
- h. Tree Seedling – Delivery and Storage-
- i. Letter to IACD – Non-support of dissolving Commission
- j. **Executive Session to consider personnel matters [Idaho Code §67-2345(1)(a) & (b)]**

**V. On Going Business**

- a. Next Meeting April 8, 2020 at 9am NRCS Conference Room

**VII. Adjournment ACTION ITEM**

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*"Putting conservation on the ground by promoting stewardship"*

Minutes

**Date: March 11, 2020**

**Present**

Ed Pommerening – Chairman  
Bob Burke – Vice-Chairman  
Stan Thornton - Secretary/Treasurer  
Linda Ely – Supervisor  
Bob Flagor – Supervisor  
Mike Schlepp – Supervisor  
Laurin Scarcello - Supervisor  
Aubrey Hoxie - NRCS  
Karla Freeman, KSSWCD  
Brad Shelton – ISWCC  
John Mobbs- Landowner  
Betty Mobbs – Landowner  
Kate Painter- U of I  
Emily Black – Lone Mountain Farms

**Absent (Board members)**

Mike Schlepp - Supervisor

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

Introductions were made around the room.

Laurin Scarcello moved and Stan Thornton seconded the motion to approve the February 2020 minutes.  
**Motion Carried.**

Bob Burke moved and Linda Ely seconded the motion to approve the February 2020 financial report. **Motion Carried.**

Aubrey Hoxie, NRCS updated that currently, they have 15 active EQIP contracts, and 24 active RCPP-EQIP contracts, as far as the 2020 applications we have 70-80 applications so far. 95% are doing forest management (thinning, fuel breaks). The EQIP deadline is 3/13/2020. Currently, they have 2 GCI (Grassland Conservation Initiative) contracts general CSP deadline is 6/5/2020

Aubrey also updated that she has been working with IDL & FS on Shared Stewardship in North Idaho on priority landscape areas.

Aubrey updated on the Weather/Water Outlook for Spokane River Basin:

SWE (Snow water equivalent) is 105% of normal; and % Precip: 92% of normal, as of:  
3/11/2020

Brad Shelton, ISWCC updated that the FY2021 budget had passed JFAC and would recommend approval of this new budget as soon as this week (see handout).

Brad also updated the concerns of a potential bill that would dissolve the Commission and what effects this would have on the districts (see handout).

Karla Freeman, District Administrator updated that she would be submitting a letter to the Kootenai County Commissioners to request funding for the FY2021. Karla updated that she tried to set up a meeting but was unable to do this due to scheduling conflicts. The deadline for this request is April 1, 2020.

Karla updated that that the boat training that was held on March 3, 2020 went really well. Karla had Kelli Moe, Boat Station Supervisor and Don Capparelli, Boat Station Manager attend the board meeting to introduce Don to the board and answer questions on the start up of the boat inspection station season.

Karla updated the board on the Wolf Lodge Creek Reach #3 project stating that some of the wood needed for this project would be purchased directly from one of the landowners in the project. Karla stated that this had been built into the budget and that we have done the research to find that this was the most cost-effective choice. Everyone on the board agreed with this.

Karla reminded the board of the upcoming Division 1 meeting on Friday March 27, 2020 in Boundary County.

John Mobbs, landowner addressed the board concerning the no till drill. Karla also updated she had spoken to another district that currently has a no till drill program to understand the pros and cons of this, is this something that the district would want to invest in? Karla also shared that the ISWCC does not have low interest loans that are for the district, they are only for the ranchers and farmers. John Mobbs and other board members discussed sitting down and brainstorming who would use this, how long would a drill be in use, and try to factor in if the drill would pay for itself at the same time as benefiting local landowners.

Kate Painter with U of I addressed the board on a Regenerative Ranching workshop and request sponsorship of this (see hand out). Laurin Scarcello moved and Bob Burke seconded the motion to sponsor this workshop with a \$500.00 donation. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Betty Mobbs, landowner and Emily Black, Lone Mountain Farm addressed the board on the Farm Corridor, asking for sponsorship (see hand out). This is to be added to the April 2020 agenda as an action item.

Karla updated the board on the NACD TA grant budget. The board felt this was a good opportunity when the NACD opens for RFP on this grant. This will be added to the April 2020 agenda as an action item.

Karla presented to the board the Annual/5 YR Plan that needs to be approved and signed off on so this can be submitted. Stan Thornton moved and Linda Ely seconded the motion to approve the Annual/5 Yr Plan. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Karla presented to the board the Request for Technical Assistance that needs to be approved and signed off on so this can be submitted. Bob Flagor moved and Stan Thornton seconded the motion to approve the Request for Technical Assistance. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Karla updated the board that the tree seedlings would be delivered on Monday April 6, 2020 to the Funk property. Sorting would take place and landowners would be able to pick up trees on April 7<sup>th</sup>.

Karla requested that the board sign a letter for the ISWCC of non-support concerning the bill to dissolve the commission.

At 10:50 am Bob Burke moved and Stan Thornton seconded the motion for Executive Session to consider personnel matters [Idaho Code §67-2345(1)(a) & (b). **MOTION CARRIED**

Roll call was made:

Ed Pommerening – Yes  
Bob Burke – Yes  
Stan Thornton – Yes  
Linda Ely – Yes  
Robert Flagor – Yes  
Laurin Scarcello - Yes

At 11:15 am Executive Session adjourned, roll call was made:

Ed Pommerening – Yes  
Bob Burke – Yes  
Stan Thornton – Yes  
Linda Ely – Yes  
Robert Flagor – Yes  
Laurin Scarcello – Yes

Bob Flagor moved and Stan Thornton seconded the motion to increase Karla Freeman, District Administrator hourly wage effective the next payroll cycle 03/16/2020 and to research the PERSI Program and see if this is a benefit Karla would be interested in. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Next meeting will be April 15, 2020 at 9:00 am.

Meeting adjourned at 11:25 am.