



Kootenai-Shoshone Soil and Water Conservation District

7830 Meadowlark Way, Suite C1 – Coeur d’Alene, Idaho 83815 – Phone (208) 762-4939

Date: September 21, 2022

Time: 9:00 am

Place: Conference Room located in the NRCS Field Office at 7830 Meadowlark Way Suite C-1, Coeur d’Alene, ID 83815

Zoom Link:

AGENDA

I. Call to Order

II. District Business

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

III. Agency Reports

- a. NRCS: Corey Bensen
- b. ISWCC: Katie Yoder
- c. KSSWCD: Karla Freeman

IV. Other Business

- a. District Credit Card – John Minichino Jr. – Discussion
- b. Approve 2024 Tree Seedling Order – **ACTION ITEM**
- c. Approve NACD TA Assistance – MOU- **ACTION ITEM**
- d. Farm Bureau – Bunker Hill Presentation – Laurin Scarcello
- e. Approve Water Source Protection Grant – **ACTION ITEM**

V. On Going Business

Next Meeting October 12, 2022 at 9:00 am Conference Room located in the NRCS Field Office at 7830 Meadowlark Way Suite C-1, Coeur d’Alene, ID 83815

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: September 21,2022

Present

Bob Burke – Vice Chairman
Bob Flagor – Supervisor
Linda Ely – Supervisor
Wes Evans – Supervisor
Laurin Scarcello - Supervisor
Karla Freeman, KSSWCD
Katie Yoder – ISWCC
Bill Lillibridge – ISWCC- ZOOM
Corey Bensen- NRCS
Jacob Garinger- Governor’s Office
Jake Coleman – Big Sky Limited
Rebecca Stevens – Couer d’Alene Tribe-ZOOM

Absent (Board members)

John Minichino Jr. - Supervisor
Jon Groth - Supervisor

Meeting was held at the NRCS Conference Room located at 7830 Meadowlark Way Suite C-1, Coeur d’Alene, ID 83815.

Meeting called to order by Vice-Chairman Bob Burke at 9:00 am.

Linda Ely moved, and Bob Flagor seconded the motion to approve the August’s 2022 minutes. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Bob Fagor moved, and Laurin Scarcello seconded the motion to approve the August’s 2022 financial reports. **MOTION CARRIED.**

First on the agenda was Corey Bensen, with NRCS updated:

Local Work Group Meeting

- The Local Work Group meeting is scheduled on November 8th from 1:00-5:00 at the IDL building in Coeur d’Alene. See attached flyer in your folders.
- We were given the date by the facilitator who is coming from down south. He scheduled Sandpoint on the 7th and Moscow on the 9th to reduce travel.

Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP)

- The state did get some additional funding for EQIP 2022, and we were able to fund one more riverbank project that added \$364K to our total LWG obligated amount.
- We ended up with the following for our EQIP FY22:
 - 42 funded EQIP contracts (47 in 2021)

- Total obligation was \$1,084,541, slightly more than 2021 (\$1,026,786)
- Of that, 23 contracts were funded in our LWG pool
- Total LWG pool obligation of \$881,547
- The state announced the timeline for **EQIP 2023**. This will be for all of our major funding pools including our Local Work Group funds.
 - EQIP sign up #1 has an application cutoff date of **October 7th, 2022**
 - FSA eligibility must be completed by November 18th, 2022.
 - Applications will all be ranked by February 17th, 2023.
 - All pre-approved applications will then need to be ready for obligation on April 14th, 2023.
 - We sent out deferral letters to all 28 of the applications from 2022 that were not funded.
 - With responses from those and new applications, we currently have 35 applications, which increases daily.
- There will be a second EQIP sign up for some specific pools like the Sage Grouse Initiative, Cheatgrass Challenge, and Water Management Entities that will have an application cutoff date of April 7th, 2023.
 - The Cheatgrass Challenge and WME have to submit a proposal by February 10th, 2023, for their proposed projects.

Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP) –

- The state also released the CSP Classic application cutoff date of **January 27th, 2023**.
- All eligibility will need to be completed by March 3rd, 2023.

Conservation Reserve Program (CRP)

- The team is currently working on status reviews for contracts that expire in 2023, we have a total of 66 contracts to review with less than 10 that we still need to do site visits.

Civil Rights –

Sept. 15th to Oct. 15th is Hispanic Heritage Month. Each year, Americans observe *National Hispanic Heritage Month* from September 15 to October 15 by celebrating the histories, cultures and contributions of American citizens whose ancestors came from Spain, Mexico, the Caribbean and Central and South America.

The Hispanic Heritage observance began in 1968 as Hispanic Heritage Week under President Lyndon Johnson and was expanded by President Ronald Reagan in 1988 to cover a 30-day period starting on September 15 and ending on October 15. It was enacted into law on August 17, 1988, on the approval of Public Law 100-402.

The September 15th date is significant because it is the anniversary of independence for the Latin American countries Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras and Nicaragua. In addition, Mexico and Chile celebrate their independence days on September 16 and September 18, respectively.

As always, board members are welcomed to request civil rights training from NRCS.

- We strongly believe that a diverse workforce in an inclusive environment will improve individual and organizational performance and result in better value to customers, clients, taxpayers, and other

stakeholders. We look forward to working with agencies to create a more diverse, high performing workforce.

Next was Katie Yoder, with ISWCC updated that the District Annual Report to the state and local government entities central registry is due December 1. Katie also updated that the District's 2022 Performance Report is due December 1, 2022.

Katie started updating the board on the four grant applications that were submitted to DEQ/Leading Idaho. The deadline was Friday September 15, 2022. Karla Freeman, District Administrator for KSSWCD will go into more detail in her updates.

Next on the agenda was Karla Freeman, District Administrator with the following updates on current projects:

Leading Idaho – CDA Stabilization – Sub award from DEQ/Leading Idaho being terminated due to unpermitted work that was done outside the scope of work. Discuss Issues with Board.

Leading Idaho – Mica Creek Phase#2- Larry Mundt has not started this as of yet.

319 BMP Mundt – Jamie Brunner, DEQ, Kristen Larsen, DEQ, Katie Yoder, ISWCC and Karla Freeman, District Administrator going out for final inspection this afternoon after the board meeting.

319 DEQ - North Fork CDA River – Project scheduled to start Oct 2022.

Boat Stations – Huetter and Hwy 53 closes Sept 30th/ Rose Lake and Cedars October 31,

Tree Sales- 5,000 trees left to sale

Anderson Brothers – Currently working on the FY2021-2022 annual audit.

Karla asked for volunteers to attend the Annual Conference held in Burly Idaho the week of November 14th, 2022.

Division 1 meeting – October 13th at Chic n Chop in Bonners Ferry. Cost has increased to \$25.00 to cover lunch and snacks. Karla needs to get a head count of who will be attending. We need to have as many supervisors as possible to attend.

Local Work Group Meeting – November 8th, 2022, from 1-5 at Idaho Department of Lands – The Sundance Conference Room – Parking is on the side of the building.

Leading Idaho – Grant applications were turned in on four possible projects that Katie Yoder, ISWCC and Bill Lillibridge, ISWCC have been working on with Karla to get completed. The deadline was Sept 15,2022.

Wolf Lodge Creek Reach #5 – Andrew LeClaire/Funks -LeClaire – replace blown culvert and rebuild and armor culvert/install 150 ‘of perforated tile line/stabilization of 260’ of eroding streambank--

Funks – install 8 banks of live siltation’s planted with willows/augment previous willow plantings with an additional 1000 willows.

Albert Walsh – Lower end of Schlagel Draw – 1100 ‘of floodplain will be installed /370 willows planted in the floodplain

Norman Zumbaum – 25 S Riverside Track in Wallace – on the West bank of the NFCDA River. Stabilize 100’/3 bank barbs each 30’ long-will divert the near shore current towards the center of the channel.

Larry Mundt/Toedter – Overflow channel/channel will be excavated and seeded while maintain a dike/after grasses are established the dike will be removed, seeded and protected to accommodate high flow water/also 1300 feet of vegetation management. This project will be done over a two-year period.

DEQ Water Resource Grant – Protecting the Aquifer – printing informational brochures to distribute at all public events, the boat stations, the fair, realtors, etc.

Next on the agenda was to discuss the district possible applying for a credit card to start to build a credit rating. John Minichino Jr., Supervisor was to head this discussion but was not in attendance. This item will be carried forward to the October 2022 board meeting.

Next on the agenda was to approve the 2024 Tree Seedling order to be placed. The order was to be the exact order from the previous 2023 year. Bob Flagor motioned, and Laurin Scarcello seconded the motion. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Next on the agenda was to approve the MOU for the 2022 NACD TA Assistance Grant that the district was awarded. Bob Flagor motioned, and Linda Ely seconded the motion. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Next on the agenda was a discussion item from Laurin Scarcello, Supervisor concerning the Bunker Hill presentation from Ed Pommerening, former board chairman. The Farm Bureau applied \$5,000 to get this presentation on video for teaching and Idaho History. This video is currently being edited and will be presented to the Farm Bureau Annual meeting being held in November 2022. This is a public meeting, and all are invited to attend. Laurin to get with Karla Freeman with the date, address and time of this meeting.

Public Agency: Kootenai-Shoshone Soil & Water Conservation District, Idaho

Governing Body: Board of Supervisors

Meeting Date, Time & Location Wednesday Sept 21, 2022 9:00 am

MOTION AND ORDER TO AMEND AGENDA

(less than 48 hours before regular meeting or 24 hours before special meeting)

Bob Burke (name), Vice-Chairman (title),
MOVES THAT THIS GOVERNING BODY, PURSUANT TO IDAHO CODE §67-2343,
AMEND THE AGENDA FOR THIS MEETING AS FOLLOWS:

To add action item - approve and submit
grant application to D&W for Water Source
Protection.

Good faith reason item not included in posted agenda (required):

left off in error,

		YES	NO	ABSTAIN
<u>Bob Burke</u>	<u>Vice</u> Chair	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<u>Bob Flager</u>	Member	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<u>Kinda Ely</u>	Member	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<u>Laurin Scarcello</u>	Member	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<u>Wes Evans</u>	Member	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<u>John Minichino Jr.</u>	Member	<u>absent</u>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<u>Jon Groat</u>	Member	<u>absent</u>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Clerk: <u>Karla Jca</u>				

(Signature)