



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

Date: June 8, 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:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81894372014?pwd=THdpZ3paOGJBMW1iMXBraUR6WFV0UT09>

AGENDA

I. Call to Order

II. District Business

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

III. Agency Reports

- a. NRCS: Corey Bonsen
- b. ISWCC: Bill Lillibridge/Katie Yoder
- c. KSSWCD: Karla Freeman

IV. Other Business

- a. Approve Bud Vidovich to sit on PSP Board – **ACTION ITEM**
- b. Approve PSP Addendum – Short fall on trees – **ACTION ITEM**
- c. Price Increase for Tree Seedlings -**ACTION ITEM**
- d. Apply for District Credit Card – **ACTION ITEM**
- e. North Fork CDA River – 3rd Landowner (Everette Jennings) – **ACTION ITEM-Bill Lillibridge**
- f. Approve the 2022/2023 Budget – **ACTION ITEM**
- g. Approve FY 2021-2022 Audit Engagement Letter – **ACTION ITEM**
- h. North Fork of the CDA River – Summer Months – Discussion – Jon Groth
- i. No Till Drill - Discussion

V. On Going Business

Next Meeting July 20,2022 at 9:00 am Conference Room located in the NRCS Field Office at 7830 Meadowlark Way Suite C-1, Coeur d’Alene, ID 83815



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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: June 8,2022

Present

Jon Groth – Chairman
Bob Burke – Vice Chairman
John Minichino, Jr. – Supervisor
Bob Flagor – Supervisor
Laurin Scarcello – Supervisor
Wes Evans – Supervisor
Karla Freeman, KSSWCD
Corey Bonsen - NRCS
Katie Yoder – ISWCC
Bill Lillibridge – ISWCC
Jacob Garringer – Executive Office of the Governor
Rebecca Stevens – CDA Tribe – Via Zoom

Absent (Board members)

Linda Ely - 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.

Laurin Scarcello moved, and Bob Flagor seconded the motion to approve the April 2022 minutes. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Bob Flagor moved, and Laurin Scarcello seconded the motion to approve the April 2022 financial reports. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Corey Bonsen, NRCS updated the following:

We are all holding strong at 100% staffing for COVID number currently and are open as usual. There are one or two counties in the state that have gone to a high rate, which requires reduced staffing and masks.

Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP)

The breakdown of the EQIP for our FY 22 funding.

39 Contracts funded so far,

- 10 in Benewah County
 - 6 Forest
 - 2 Crop
 - 2 Streambank
- 27 in Kootenai County
 - 25 Forest

- 2 High Tunnel
- 2 in Shoshone County
 - 2 Forest

29 Unfunded applications that are eligible and screened High:

- 6 Benewah County
- 22 Kootenai County
- 1 Shoshone County

Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP) – SIGN-UP 2 Deadline is JUNE 24th.

Conservation Reserve Program (CRP)

Plans are being completed for those in the current sign up. Lance Burton, NRCS has them all almost complete and is getting signatures from the producers.

Office and Staffing

- Andrea Burton is now done with her detail in Sandpoint and back in the Coeur d'Alene office as of today.

Civil Rights –

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.

Karla Freeman gave updates first on the projects:

Leading Idaho – CDA River Stabilization – permits are completed, bid package is completed. The notice for solicitation for bids will run in the CDA Press on Monday June 13, 2022. The deadline for bids will be Monday July 18, 2022

Leading Idaho – Mica Creek – Larry Mundt – permits are completed, and he will start on this project this summer.

319 BMP – Mica Creek – Larry Mundt – Larry will be finishing this project up this summer as weather allows.

Kidd Creek – The monitoring report has been completed and sent out. The district has received the \$10,600.00 payment for the monitoring project over the next four years.

319 – North Fork of the CDA River – Bill Lillibridge, ISWCC along with Katie Yoder, ISWCC are meeting with the Shoshone County Road department later in the day to finalize the staggings of the rock. We are still on track to complete this during low water.

Boat Stations- All four stations are up and running. So far, between the four inspections stations there have been fourteen boats with mussels. Kelli Moe, Boat Station Manager has had to hire a few additional employees as we had some not return from last year.

Beaver Creek – Kristin Larsen, DEQ, Bill Lillibridge, ISWCC and Katie Yoder, ISWCC had a zoom meeting with Dan Scaife, IFS and Dan told them the Forest Service has no desire to do a project on the bank with the land slide. Katie Yoder, ISWCC will provide some monitoring so we can gather real numbers of how much bank is being lost each year.

Katie Yoder, ISWCC gave updates:

ISWCC is still accepting WQPA proposals. ISWCC have already received proposals in the excess amount of nine million dollars. Deadline for WQPA proposals is June 30, 2022. District Surveys are due by July 31, 2022. The deadline for 319 applications is July 15, 2022.

Next on the agenda was action item to approve Bud Vidovich to sit on the Panhandle Seedling Program (PSP). The PSP requested a forester from Kootenai county. Wes Evans motioned, and Bob Flagor seconded the motion. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Next was to approve the amendment to the PSP contract which includes a description statement of how to allocate trees based on original purchase percentage should we have a loss of seedlings this year. Bob Flagor motioned, and Laurin Scarcello seconded the motion. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Next was to approve a sales cost increase on the tree seedlings this year. All Districts will be selling at the same price. Wes Evans motioned, and Bob Flagor seconded the motion. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Next on the list was approval for applying for a District credit card. This will be deferred until the July 2022 board meeting. John Minichino, Jr., Supervisor will stop by the bank and get more information on how this will build credit for the district.

Next on the agenda is North Fork of the CDA River project with Everette Jennings, landowner. Bill Lillibridge, ISWCC will meet with them today to get additional information on what we can do within conservation guidelines to determine what can be done his land. This will be deferred to the July 2022 board meeting.

Next on the agenda was to approve the FY 2022/2023 budget for the district. Bob Flagor motioned, and Wes Evans seconded the motion. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Next on agenda was to approve the engagement letter with Anderson Brothers to conduct the audit for FY 2021/2022. Bob Flagor motioned, and John Minichino Jr. seconded the motion. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Next on the agenda was a discussion topic lead by Jon Groth, Chairman, concerning trash, dumpsters, and summer campers along the CDA River. Jon passed out an article about the Forest Service supplying extra dumpster through a RAC grant. Is this something the district could get involved in? The board discussed if there were some sort of education that we could partner with the district might be interested in participating in that way.

Next on the agenda was the ongoing discussion about no-till drill. Karla Freeman, Administrator had created binders for each board member that included information, rental contracts, check lists, surveys, and logistical questions that need to be answered about the program.

Next board meeting has been rescheduled to Wednesday July 20, 2022 at 9:00 am here at the NRCS Conference room.

Meeting adjourned at 11:30 am.