



Kootenai-Shoshone Soil and Water Conservation District

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Date: May 13, 2020

Time: Time: 9:00 a.m Via Teleconference Call

Call Number 888-844-9904 Guest Access Number 9351151

Place: DUE TO COVID19 – Office is Closed

AGENDA

I. Call to Order

II. District Business

- a. Approve Minutes from March’ 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. Farm Corridor – Sponsorship – **ACTION ITEM**
- b. District Survey – **ACTION ITEM**
- c. NRCS MOU – **ACTION ITEM**
- d. NACD TA Grant Assistance – **ACTION ITEM**

V. On Going Business

- a. Next Meeting June 10, 2020 at 9am NRCS Conference Room

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: May 13, 2020

Present

Bob Burke – Vice-Chairman
Stan Thornton - Secretary/Treasurer
Mike Schlepp - Supervisor
Linda Ely – Supervisor
Bob Flagor – Supervisor
Mike Schlepp – Supervisor
Aubrey Hoxie - NRCS
Karla Freeman, KSSWCD
Brad Shelton – ISWCC

Absent (Board members)

Ed Pommerening - Chairman
Laurin Scarcello - Supervisor

Meeting was held via tele-conference due to the COVID19 Pandemic and the NRCS building being closed.

Meeting called to order by Vice- Chairman Bob Burke at 9:02 a.m.

Linda Ely moved and Stan Thornton seconded the motion to approve the March 2020 minutes. **Motion Carried.**

Bob Flagor moved and Mike Schlepp seconded the motion to approve the March 2020 financial Report but with a correction to the Bank of America account. **Motion Carried.**

Aubrey Hoxie, NRCS updated that due to the COVID19 Pandemic the NRCS office is currently closed and they are teleworking from home. Aubrey updated that currently, they have 15 active EQIP contracts, and 19 active RCPP-EQIP contracts. NRCS has received 70 – 80 applications so far. 95% of these applications are for forest management (thinning/fuel breaks). For the CSP (Conservation Stewardship Program) NRCS has 2 GCI (Grassland Conservation Initiative) contracts. The general CSP deadline is June 5, 2020. NRCS has new news the they are in the last year of RCPP and should use up the rest of the funding. There will only be general EQIP contracts for future signups. Lance Burton is the new planner in the Plummer office and his first day was May 11, 2020. He will be the lead planner for team 2 and assisting us in all counties but primarily in Benewah County.

Brad Shelton, ISWCC updated that due to the COVID19 Pandemic ISWCC is teleworking from home. They are now allowed to go into the field alone but can't meet with landowners and have limited interactions with partners. Brad the FY2020 budget has had another reduction of 1% and are looking at a 5% reduction for the FY2021 budget. ISWCC will be holding a meeting in Boise on June 12, 2020 for board supervisors only.