



Kootenai-Shoshone Soil and Water Conservation District
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Date: January 8, 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 December’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. District Emails for Board Members
- b. Support for Bonner County – Legislative Days – **ACTION ITEM**

V. On Going Business

- a. Next Meeting February 12, 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. No formal action will be taken during this session.

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“Putting conservation on the ground by promoting stewardship”

Minutes

Date: January 8, 2020

Present

Ed Pommerening – Chairman
Bob Burke – Vice-Chairman
Stan Thornton - Secretary/Treasurer
Linda Ely – Supervisor
Robert Flagor – Supervisor
Aubrey Hoxie - NRCS
Karla Freeman, KSSWCD
Kristen Larson – DEQ

Absent (Board members)

Mike Schlepp - Supervisor
Laurin Scarcello – Supervisor
Brad Shelton- ISWCC

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

Bob Burke moved and Linda Ely seconded the motion to approve the December 2019 minutes. **Motion Carried.**

Linda Ely moved and Bob Burke seconded the motion to approve the December 2019 financial report. **Motion Carried.**

Aubrey Hoxie with the NRCS gave the following agency updates, currently NRCS has 16 active EQIP contracts and 28 active RCPP-EQIP contracts. There is still no deadline for the 2020 applications but to date they have received 67 applications, of those applications 95% are for forest management (thinning, fuel breaks).

Aubrey updated the all CSP contracts have been finished as of December 2019. There is no word on a signup for FY2020 or what new CSP rules have been developed since the new Farm Bill was written.

Aubrey updated on new news that she has officially taken over as acting DC for the Plummer office. Aubrey will be working at the Plummer office on Tuesdays and Thursday of every week moving forward. Aubrey updates that the Coeur d'Alene office is getting an additional planner through a direct hire process, NRCS is shooting for a February time frame.

Aubrey gave the SWE (snow water equivalent) is 78% of normal, and % of Precip 77% of normal as of January 8, 2020.

Brad Shelton with ISWCC was not in attendance for the meeting but asked that a new Reference Manual for Districts be handed out. This handout was distributed by Karla Freeman, the District Administrator.

Karla Freeman, District Administrator updated refunding the overage funds from the boat station 2019 contract year as per Nic Zurfluth's with ISDA request.

Karla also updated that the District had received the \$10,000 contribution from Avista for the Wolf Lodge Creek Reach #3 Project.

Karla also updated that the following reports are due and have already been submitted to the correct agencies: NACD – Urban Agriculture final report on the Gathering Garden project, Restoration Partnership/DEQ – Wolf Lodge Creek Reach # 3 first quarter report, and 4th quarter sales tax.

Karla also updated about the upcoming ICRMP training meeting being held on Thursday January 16, 2020 at 9:00 in Sandpoint weather permitting.

In other business, Karla updated that she will be creating new email addresses for each of the board members to be able to conduct district business on instead of their personal email accounts.

Legislative Days are on January 13 and January 14, 2020 which Sarah Garcia, District Administrator for the Sandpoint office will be attending and representing Division 1. Sarah will be making displays boards for each district. The district has decided to help support this with a contribution to help offset expenses incurred. The district will be contributing \$150.00. Bob Burke motioned and Stan Thornton seconded the motion. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Next board meeting will be February 12, 2020 at 9:00 am at NRCS conference room.

Meeting adjourned at 10:00 am.