



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

Date: March 9, 2022
Time: 9:00 am

Place: Kootenai County Licensing Building – 451 Government Way, Coeur d’Alene, ID 83815 Meeting Room 1 A

Zoom Link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88031505138?pwd=VEUwWTEvRDBuVHNLa3Y4VUFVaXdpZz09>

AGENDA

I. Call to Order

II. District Business

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

III. Agency Reports

- a. NRCS: Lance Burton
- b. ISWCC: Katie Yoder
- c. KSSWCD: Karla Freeman

IV. Other Business

- a. Approve Request for Hours with ISWCC – **ACTION ITEM**
- b. Approve Five Year/Annual Plan-**ACTION ITEM**
- c. Approve Sub Award on Leading Idaho – CDA River Stabilization Project – **ACTION ITEM**
- d. Approve Sub Award on Leading Idaho – Mica Creek – **ACTION ITEM**
- e. Approve NACD TA Assistance (NRCS) – Grant Submission – **ACTION ITEM**
- f. Beaver Creek – Possible Project-Landowners-Katie Yoder-Discussion
- g. New Board Member - Discussion

V. On Going Business

- a. Next Meeting April 13, at 9:00 to be announced.



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VII. Adjournment ACTION ITEM

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“Putting conservation on the ground by promoting stewardship”

Minutes

Date: March 9, 2022

Present

Bob Burke – Vice Chairman
Linda Ely – Supervisor
Bob Flagor – Supervisor
Laurin Scarcello – Supervisor
John Minichino, Jr. – Supervisor
Wes Evans – Supervisor
Lance Burton - NRCS
Karla Freeman, KSSWCD
Katie Yoder – ISWCC
Kristin Lowell – DEQ Zoom
Rebecca Stevens- Coeur d’Alene, Tribe – Zoom
Jamie Brunner – DEQ – Zoom
Larry Rundle – Beaver Creek Landowner

Absent (Board members)

Meeting was held at the Kootenai County Licensing Building located at 451 Government Way Room 1B in Coeur d’Alene, ID 83815

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

Introductions were made around the room and on zoom.

Laurin Scarcello moved, and Linda Ely seconded the motion to approve the February 2022 minutes. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Linda Ely moved, and Bob Flagor seconded the motion to approve the February 2022 financial reports. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Lance Burton, NRCS gave updates:

Currently NRCS has 39 contracts; 5 cropland, 1 streambank, 15 forestland, 2 RCPP, and 15 forest management plans.

Lance Burton updated that the District Conservationist (DC) position has been filled. Corey Bensen will be taking Aubrey Hoxie’s place and is starting on May 8, 2022. Corey is from Yakimaw, WA.

Lance Burton updated that he has requested an additional \$644,000 for funding an additional 16 contracts.

Katie Yoder, ISWCC gave updates that the 5 Year/Annual plan along with the Request for TA hours are due to the commission by March 31, 2022.

Katie Yoder updated that JFAC approved an appropriation for WQPA for 5 million dollars over the next 5 years.

Katie Yoder updated that there are no eligible applicants for the engineering position in southern Idaho.

Karla Freeman, KSSWCD gave updates on the payments for the tree sales has been sent. This payment is for the 2022 tree seedlings along with ½ of the balance for the 2023 tree seedlings. We are completely sold out of trees for Spring 2022 and are already selling for the Spring 2023.

Karla Freeman updated that she requested that the funding request from the Aquifer Protection Board be removed due to several logistical issues that we can not get resolved. Karla does not feel comfortable moving forward with this request until these issues are resolved.

Karla Freeman updated that the first training day for the boat inspection stations was held last Tuesday March 2, 2022. The first boat inspection station opened on Friday March 4, 2022. Currently we have most inspectors returning this year. The next station to open is Rose Lake, which will open on April 1, 2022.

Karla Freeman updated that there is a Priority Request for TA Assistance from the NACD for another grant process. These priority requests are only for current grantees that have just finished a grant or who had one in the previous year. Karla spoke to Lance Burton with NRCS to discuss the NRCS's needs for another part time person through the district. Karla calculated 3 scenarios based on 2, 3, or 4 days. Lance states he would prefer to have a 3 day a week person if possible. The deadline for this request is March 31, 2022.

Karla Freeman updated that she has submitted her yearly request for funding to the Kootenai County Commissioners and well as the Shoshone County Commissioners.

Karla Freeman updated that the first site visit to Kidd Creek for the monitoring plan is Wednesday May 4, 2022 and all are invited to join.

Larry Runkle, Beaver Creek landowner was in attendance to discuss an ongoing issue he is having on his land. Larry has owned the land since 2005. There is a landslide that is located on the Forest Service property and is approximately 250-300 ft wide. Since the Beave Creek fire last year, there are more trees that continue to slide down the bank and into the creek. Larry is seeking help from us and sister partnerships to correct this problem. This is an issue that the district will follow-up on with other partnering agencies to see if there is something we can do to help solve this problem.

Next on the agenda was to approve the Request for Hours with ISWCC. Bob Flagor moved, and Laurin Scarcello seconded the motion. **MOTION PASSED.**

Next, approve the 5 Year/Annual plan with the added amendment concerning Kinston – Cataldo Sewer District. Bob Flagor moved, and Wes Evans seconded the motion. **MOTION PASSED.**

Next, approve the MOU from DEQ on the Leading Idaho Initiative Project -Coeur d'Alene Bank Stabilization Project. Bob Flagor moved and, Laurin Scarcello seconded the motion. **MOTION PASSED.**

Next, approve the MOU from DEQ on the Leading Idaho Initiative Project – Mica Creek. Laurin Scarcello moved, and Bob Flagor seconded the motion. **MOTION PASSED.**

Next, approve the Request for TA Hours from the ISWCC. Wes Evans moved that we apply based on the 3-day breakdown, and John Minichino Jr. seconded the motion. **MOTION PASSED.**

Next was discussion concerning a potential new board member. Jon Groth, Kingston Cataldo Sewer District has shown interest in sitting on the board. Jon represents the Shoshone County seat that needs to be filled. Jon has also attended several meetings and is excited about the district's mission.

Next meeting will be held on Wednesday April 13, 2022 at 9:00 am. Location to be determined. Zoom option will be available.

Meeting adjourned at 10:30 am.