



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

Date: July 20,2022

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 June’s Meeting **ACTION ITEM**
- b. Treasurer’s Report **ACTION ITEM**

III. Agency Reports

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

IV. Other Business

- a. Open sealed bids for Leading Idaho CDA Riverbank Stabilization Project – **ACTION ITEM**
- b. Apply for District Credit Card – John Minichino Jr. **ACTION ITEM**
- c. Donation Request for FFA & 4H Land and Soil Event – **ACTION ITEM**
- d. North Fork CDA River – 3rd Landowner (Everette Jennings) – **ACTION ITEM-Bill Lillibridge**

V. On Going Business

Next Meeting August10,2022 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: July 20,2022

Present

Bob Burke – Vice Chairman
Bob Flagor – Supervisor
Laurin Scarcello – Supervisor
Linda Ely – Supervisor
Karla Freeman, KSSWCD
Corey Bonsen - NRCS
Katie Yoder – ISWCC
Bill Lillibridge – ISWCC
Jake Coleman – Coleman Construction
Rebecca Stevens – CDA Tribe – Via Zoom

Absent (Board members)

Wes Evans - Supervisor
John Minichino Jr. - Supervisor
Jon Groth - Chairman

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.

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

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

First on the agenda was changed to open bids first to allow Bill Lillibridge, Engineer with ISWCC and Katie Yoder, ISWCC to review and report back to the board with recommendations.

Bid # 1 – Coleman Construction’s bid was for \$ 220,900.05

Bid # 2 – Silver Valley Rock’s bid was \$ 182,522.76

Next up was the agency reports, Corey Bonsen, NRCS updated:

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)

- We recently had 2 more applications pre-approved for funding in the Beginning Farmer Pool. 1 in Kootenai County and 1 in Benewah County. Both are forestry projects. We are currently working on those applications to get them ready for funding.
- Still waiting to see if we get any additional funding from the National office to possibly fund some more of the applications that have not been funded.
- We are currently checking out completed practices and making payments on existing contracts.

Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP) –

- We did not receive any applications for CSP this year.

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.

Office and Staffing

- We will be getting an engineer in the Coeur d'Alene office, with a start date of August 1st.
- We have a new Easement Coordinator for Northern Idaho named Chris Chapa, he is located in Bonners Ferry. He will be working on our existing and new easements.

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, District Administrator gave updates on the following:

The Local Work Group meeting is scheduled for November 3, 2022.

The Division 1 meeting is scheduled for October 13, 2022.

Notices will be sent out as more information is obtained.

Karla updated that the district had received the 2nd installment from the State of Idaho for the boat stations.

Karla updated that there is now a PSP Tree Seedling web page that allows landowners to order and pay for tree seedlings. Kylie Daman, Benewah Administrator created this page and did a wonderful job.

Next on the agenda was applying for a District Credit Card, information to be provided by John Minichino Jr. who was absent. This item will be deferred to the next meeting on August 10, 2022.

Next was the action item for a donation to be made for the FFA & 4H West Cassia and East Cassia SWCD. Laurin Scarcello moved, and Linda Ely seconded the motion to donate \$50.00. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Bob Burke updated that there was a Water Advisory Group (WAG) meeting being held on August 4, 2022 in Kellogg. This group works on the North Fork of the CDA river where we currently have projects.

Bill Lillibridge, ISWCC and Katie Yoder, ISWCC came back to the meeting with the recommendations from the bids opened earlier. Bob Burke moved, and Bob Flagor seconded the motion to approve the bid from Silver Valley Rock and accept them as our sub-contractor for the Leading Idaho CDA Riverbank Stabilization Project.

Next up was to circle back and get the updates from Katie Yoder, ISWCC:

The WAG meetings will be starting up for the North and South Fork of the CDA River. August 4th will be the North Fork WAG meeting and August 29, 2022, will be the South Fork WAG meeting.

IDWF has been approved for 75 million dollars for irrigation structure only projects. This grant would only cover one third of the project costs.

WQPA grant applications were all used. It is possible the projects that could not be implemented within the time frame, those funds could be used for new application.

ISWCC has mailed out the base allocation checks and should be received by the districts by the end of the month.

Katie and Kristen Lowell, DEQ were able to submit a last minute 319 grant application for Wolf Lodge Creek #5. The district will apply for the match with BMP or Leading Idaho application.

Katie will be working on putting together a new grant application for Beaver Creek and Albert Walsh through Restoration Partnership once we receive notification for request for grant applications that should come down in latter part of the year or beginning of the new year.

Last on the agenda was the action item concerning Everett Jennings and our 319 North Fork of the CDA River project. Bob Burke motioned, and Linda Ely seconded the motion to defer this to the next meeting on August 10, 2022, to allow time to get in touch with the landowner and invite him to attend this meeting so the board can ask additional questions. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Meeting adjourned at 10:40 am.