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Bear Lake Soil and Water Conservation District
April 13, 2021 Board Meeting Agenda
Bear Lake County Fire Station @ 1:00 PM

Present: Jennifer Jenson, Mark Parker, Devin Boehme, Todd Lloyd, Rex Payne,
Brandee Wells, Virtually: Shawn Banks, Larry Mickelsen, George Hitz,

Welcome: Jennifer welcomed everyone (1:10 PM)

Prayer: Larry offered the prayer

Agency reports:

NRCS: Larry presented his report to the board. See attached DC report

FSA: None

Bea Lake County Commission: Rex said that the University of Idaho has approved Bear Lake County to get a new County Agent. Malad will also get one. Rex updated on the courthouse and the plan for the ground where the old courthouse was. He said that there will be a committee put together to decide what to do on the property. Trish will be chair heading the committee. Roy Bunderson volunteered to level the ground and another citizen donated seed to seed it.

ISWCC: George said that the Engineer job is still open and has been extended to this week. George presented on the trustee and benefit funds and what some of the districts are deciding on. He said that there are 14 districts who want equal distribution, 10 districts that want the reduction in cap on match, 5 want an increase in the Base Allocation, 1 wants status Quo, 1 came up with their own individual example, and 1 decided not to participate. George said that the Appropriation Bill passed on March 19, 2021 and signed. The Commission and Trustee benefits were added to it. This bill is to change how the Commission is elected or appointed. It will also include how many supervisors on districts board, how new Conservations are created, and how TA requests are run. The WQPA program maybe reactivated. It was defunded about 10 years ago.

Grant updates

Conservation Basics, LLC: Shawn presented the report.

District Manager of Operations: Brandee said that James had called and said that a few of the irrigation companies are getting attorneys to help understand what is going on with the adjudication.

Rex said that they have not really started yet. There was discussion of if you have water that hasn't been used in 5 years you would get it recorded and on the ground. They figure it will be 10 years to finish the whole thing. Rex said that he knows some of the information on who is in the advisor committee and he will send that information to Brandee.

Brandee updated the board on the Fuels reduction project. She said that she is going to have to ask for an extension because we weren't able to do any education last year since Covid hit. She will get in contact with Tyre or Joyce to figure out what to do. Brandee said that her and George had been to the KOA and looked at a potential grant project. They will get ahold of Chris to see if he wants to put it in the next one. Tree sales are looking well this year. It will be a huge order and Brandee is hoping that they have all that she needs. It is a huge order. This year there are only 4 scholarships turned in so far. She will get ahold of Mrs. Kelsey to see if she has any more to turn in.

Brandee asked if the board still wants to provide trees for the 2nd graders this year. The board said yes. We were not able to last year because of Covid.

TA Requests: Brandee said that Chris is still working on the TA Request so she will let them know. Shawn said that Chris is almost done.

Financial: Devin made a motion to accept the Financial Statement with the addition of the payment to the Fair for a fair booth and a \$1000 donation to the FFA to unload the trees. Todd 2nd the motion. Motion passed.

Minutes: Mark made a motion to accept the minutes from April. Devin 2nd the motion. Motion passed.

Executive Session: 67-2345 (a) (b) (c): Devin made a motion to go into Executive Session.

Next Meeting: May 3, 2021

Adjournment: Mark Made a motion to adjourn. Devin 2nd the motion.