

The Bear Lake Soil and Water Conservation District Board Meeting Agenda
April 8, 2019 @ 1:00 pm
USDA Service Center, Montpelier, Idaho

Present: Jennifer Jenson, James Hardcastle, Mark Parker, Todd Lloyd, Devin Boehme, Larry Mickelson, Allan Johnson, Les Nunn, Brandee Wells

Welcome: Jenifer Jenson

Minutes:

Financial report/Bills: Mark made a motion to sponsor an Envirothon Team. Devin 2nd the Motion. Motion Carries. Todd made a motion to accept the Financial with the addition of the fair booth, registration, vehicle exempt, and Envirothon team. Brandee told the board that Dwight with highlands is willing to give the district more money to run their program. James made the motion to have Highlands do that. Devin 2nd the motion. Motion carries. The board talked about figuring up how much the Durango cost to see if it is cost effective to have. Brandee will have that for next meeting.

Agency Reports:

FSA: Brandee told the board that the only thing Kathy had for them was the contract for Martin Schwab.

NRCS: Larry talked about the attached sheets.

Bear Lake County Commissioner: The commissioners had their own meeting today.

Bear Lake County Weed Control: None

Bear Lake County Extension: Les talked about the "Meetings Done right" meeting. He said that it was well attended, and the presenter was easy to listen to. She said that she will come help any of the boards if they need more help. Les also said that there are 2 more gardening classes coming up on the 10 and the 17. James brought up the animal control with the wildlife. There are a lot of ranchers that have sick calves often and he is afraid we are going to have to do test before selling if this continues. Deer are a big problem. There were also some dogs that chased the deer all the way in to the railroad tracks. People don't know about bio security anymore. James is wondering if there is a way to educate people about this. Les said that he would talk to James after the meeting.

ISWCC: Allan told the board the Terrie has been out but will be back in the office on April 15. She had knee surgery. Funds for districts will be split the same as before. The RCRP loans did not pass the legislature. The tracker for T&A is on hold and privacy is a concern.

Portneuf and Franklin don't like the tracker program. It can be time consuming, but it will help with the final reports for the projects. Representatives like it because they can see what is happening in their regions. Allan told the board the Chris, Brandee, Pauline, George, and himself met and did the TA request hours. Brandee just needed to finish it up and turn it in. It is due this month. He also told them that the project in Geneva will wrap up this year.

Grant Updates:

Conservation Basics, LLC: See attached Reports.

District: Division V meeting: Larry told the board that there is a Local work group training meeting coming up. Brandee and Jennifer told the board how Division V meeting went. There is talk about changing how the Districts ask for the state funds. Instead of the 2:1 we would like to ask for \$50,00 for each district. Larry brought up that maybe it would be nice to have more engineering time from the ISWCC for district support. The board talked about how they would like to extend an invitation to the Fish and Game regional office for next meeting to talk about the wildlife problems. The board talked about writing a letter to cover the job that Beth was doing. There has not been someone in the office since she left 3 years ago. If the NRCS teams talk passes that will take place in about a year. Brandee told the board that a landowner has been in and talked about his feed area flooding. He wondered if he could get help from the next grant. He is out in Georgetown. Sterling Wallentine asked James about piping the rest of Paris Creek. Some is already piped but they want the rest done. Brandee and Larry told the board that Scott Nelson asked them about the same thing. Larry also told the board about Shaun Bartschi's project with Corey Lyman.

Executive session §74-2061 (a) (b): James made a motion to go into executive session. Todd 2nd the motion.

Mark made the motion to come out of executive session. Devin 2nd the motion.

Next Meeting: May 6th, 2019 @ 1:00 PM

Adjournment: Devin made the motion to adjourn. Mark 2nd the motion. Motion carried.

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