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Bear Lake Soil and Water Conservation District Board Meeting Agenda for August 10, 2020 at 1 PM Bear Lake County Fire Station

Present: Jennifer Jenson, James Hardcastle, Larry Mickelson, Brandee Wells, Todd Lloyd, Shawn Banks, Allan Johnson, Chris Banks, Devin Boehme

Welcome: Jennifer Welcomed everyone to the meeting (1:07 PM)

Prayer: Chris offered a prayer

Minutes: The board went over the minutes. Devin made a motion to accept the minutes from June. James 2nd the motion. Motion carries.

Financial report/bills: James made a motion to add \$1000 to the debit card and accept the financial report. Devin 2nd the motion. Motion carried.

Agency reports

NRCS: See attached Report. Larry told the board that the office is in phase 1 again and that the new email said that there should not be anyone in the office that is a non-USDA employee. That means that Brandee will have to work somewhere else until phase 2. The USDA doesn't want to take the risk of someone getting sick. Larry talked about the charges that the Districts will have for the office space. The Districts will not be charged for the computers anymore just the office space (\$1,500-\$2,000). There are somethings that the districts can do to off set the cost of the space.

FSA: Brandee told the board that Kathy said there will be some contracts to sign soon.

Bear Lake County Commission: None

Bear Lake County Extension: Brandee told that board that we are now sharing an agent with Caribou County.

Bear Lake County Weed Department: None

ISWCC: Allan said that there will be a 5% hold back, but the rest of the money should have come to the District. Brandee that it had come. Allan asked if the District wrote a letter to support the commission. The board said no. Allan told them that Caribou County did, and it

made Mark Harris relook at what the Commission does. There is a settlement in progress with the Franklin District.

Allan said that RCRDP loans are available. He said that there will not be an increase in the budget. In order, to return to work the commission is following the Governor's Covid-19 guidelines. There is a pole for the board to take on survey monkey. They want as many supervisors as possible to take it. Jennifer said that she has already taken it. Allan said that he went with Chris over to Mark Parker's project and is working on a plan for it so that work can begin this fall. They also went to Harris' to look at the project. The water flow is to slow in the creek for what was in mind. There are no plans until a better source is found.

Grant updates

District Manager: Brandee told the board that the Fuels Reduction project is moving along well. The ground is starting to get dry and the contractor doesn't know how much longer they can work. The HOA had some problems with people using the mowed areas as UTV trails but are still willing to work with us. The contractors are in the Dutch Canyon now stacking the piles to burn this winter. Talk about how the Dyer's Woad program went for the first year. Brandee said that they spent \$2500. All this money went to the kids who brought the bags back. We didn't have to buy any bags this year so that helped. We did have some bags that didn't get brought back.

Conservation Basics, LLC: Chris talked to Rhett and they want to still try to install pipe in the fall after the harvest. There is one landowner that wants to come talk about the project but is not able to come right now with the pandemic.

Georgetown has finished both of its projects and the invoice are ready to be signed. Reimbursement will the come soon. The St. Charles project there is sill a hold up on one of the landowners. Chris said that there will be a zoom meeting that the landowner wants only a select few to attend and talk about the meeting. Chris has been invited to attend. Fish and Game did a design on this project, but it has been a long time since that was done and we will probably have to redo a design.

Chris said that the sub-grant has been sent in on a new grant and we are just waiting to hear back. This new grant is called Ping-Pong. Chris is also working on sending in a BOR Water Smart Grant. It is due September 12. Chris is working with Mr. Nelson and the Paris Irrigation for this grant application.

Chris also let the board know that Shawn Banks is joining the team to help while Chris is in school.

Annual Tour/Cooperator of the Year: Ideas: September 10 or 11, 2020: September 10, 2020 at 5:00 PM. Mark's, High Tunnel (Gruing or Boehme's Liberty), Montpelier Ditch Liner. Invite

Hymas' to look at Mark's project. Food same as last year.

Allan said that he just got an email and it said that non-USDA employees could go into the office to make copies, use the internet for a more reliable network connection to conduct and complete assignments, and retrieve files but not to be unlimited access.

Adjournment: Todd made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Devin 2nd the motion. Motion carried.

Next Meeting: Sept. 10, 2020 after the Tour. (2:37PM)