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## Bear Lake Soil and Water Conservation District Board Meeting Agenda for August 5, 2019 at 1 PM USDA Service Center, Montpelier, Idaho

Present: James Hardcastle, Devin Boehme, Todd, Lloyd, Larry Mickelson, Kathy Bunn, Allan Johnson, Chris Banks, Brandee Wells, Jennifer Jenson (2:40 PM)

**Time: 1:12 PM**

**Welcome:** James welcomed everyone in attendance.

**Prayer:** Larry offered a prayer to start the meeting

**Minutes:** The board looked went over the minutes from the meeting in June. Devin made a motion to approve the minutes. Todd 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion, Motion carried.

**Financial report/bills:** Brandee told the board that the grant money has come in for the Bear Lake SWCD Diversions and Bank Stabilization Project. She reminded the board that they had a bank account from another project that was left open in the hope of changing account names on it. She asked the board what they wanted to do. Chris also said that there is another district that just has one account for all projects going on. There was discussion had between the board members present. Devin made a motion to see if it was possible to change the name on an already existing account (PBJ) and if it is not then to start a new account. Todd 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Motion carried.

### Agency reports

**Mitch Poulsen:** Mitch presented the board with a power point presentation on the Bear River Flood Plain Project that was out in Dingle. He talked about was they have learned from doing this project. He showed the board some pictures and explained the objectives for doing the project.

**NRCS: See Attached Paper**

**FSA:** Kathy said that there is no new CRP news. There are sign-ups going on right now for MFP. They are learning more about this program. They have the software to do applications but not the software for the payments. She also said that all the crop reporting is done. Larry told the Board the Kathy is the acting CED for the Caribou office also. Kathy said that Caribou is wanting their own CED and have a meeting set up so we shall see. James said that he had called the Extension office and talked to them about the grasshoppers this year to see if they have a program to help. He said that they have the papers to sign-up and then they work with USDA.

**Bear Lake County Commission: None**

**Bear Lake County Extension: None**

**Bear Lake County Weed Department: None**

**Fair Ideas:** Brandee showed the board the toys for the kids and she told them what her ideas were for the kids to get them. She is thinking about a sand dig for the bugs and then they get the bug catcher jar for it.

**Annual Tour/Cooperator of the Year: Ideas: September 6, 2019**

**James left the meeting at 2:25 PM.**

**ISWCC:** Allan talked about how the agency was reorganized as to who they answer to. He told the board the ISWCC is still looking into the Conservation Districts hiring a Conservation Planner and covering 20% with NRCS. Allan then talked about some of the problems that the Georgetown Project had. When the thrust block was put in it didn't stay when the water was put in. The Irrigation district hired Rain for Rent to handle most of the work on the line. Rain for Rent got rained out and then poured the cement another day. When they charged the system, the thrust block blew off. Rain for Rent poured a yard of cement and the thrust block stayed. Allan then told the board that the contractor has been to Geneva, but the project is still not scheduled for a while.

**Grant updates**

**District Manager:** Brandee told the board that the fuels Reduction project is going smoothly. She has been out a couple of times and it looks good. She is working on a date closer to when the project is done to have Tyre come and check it out. The thinning of the trees is taking longer than Etcheverry thought. Mark said that he would like to put together a class for the community like the one Tyre did that he attended. Brandee thinks that would count towards her education hours for the grant. They will start to work on that.

**Conservation Basics, LLC:** See attached report.

At the end of Chris' report he also told the board that the Bear Lake Nutrient Reduction Project will get funding letters soon.

**Jennifer came to the meeting after attending a funeral at 2:40 PM and took charge of the meeting.**

Jennifer asked to be filled in on some of the meeting. When we talked about the PBJ account Jennifer said that we can change the name of the account and move the monies after the name change has taken place. Todd made a motion to move the PBJ monies to the Main Checking account and change the name of the account. Devin 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion.

Devin made the motion to move the money from the main checking account to the new Bear Lake Diversions and Streambank Stabilization account. Todd 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion.

**Executive Session: §67-2345 (a) (b): None**

**Adjournment:** Todd made the motion to adjourn. Devin 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Motion passes. 2:56 P.M.

**Next Meeting: September 6<sup>th</sup>, 2019 for the Annual Tour**