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Bear Lake Soil and Water Board Meeting
February 1, 2021 @ 1:00 P.M. Bear Lake County Extension Office
Present: Jennifer Jenson, Mark Parker, Devin Boehme, Rex Payne, Todd Lloyd, James Hardcastle, George Hitz, and on the Phone: Larry Mickelsen and Shawn Banks.

Welcome: Jennifer Jenson welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Prayer: Devin offered the prayer

Agency Reports:

FSA: None

NRCS: Larry gave the DC Report. (Attached). He said that there is 8" on the ground in the canyon. Larry also asked if the board thought that we needed a spring meeting or if the meeting we had is all we need. Jennifer said that she thought we were probably good on the meeting we had. The rest of the board agreed.

Bear Lake County Commissioners: Rex said that there was a State Fair Meeting with 16 counties having 1 commissioner from each at the meeting. Last year there was over \$400,000 lost from not holding the any activities other then the 4-H and FFA shows. There were two roofs the blew off some buildings, but no one was hurt because there weren't as many people there as normal.

Rex also talked about the vaccination pods. Alan Eborn is putting together a vaccination pod for Bear Lake county to try to get more doses to people quicker. If he gets it going it will be the first one in the state.

Rex also said that the Senor Center will be opening back up on the 6th.

ISWCC: George told the board that they are changing what they want to put on the newsletters. They want to do a spotlight on the districts for the next 3-4 years. Bear Lake has been chosen for the May newsletter. George said that it can be about projects (past or future), about someone from the board, or something along this line. The deadline is April 5 to have it to Steve Stuber. He will look over it and then send a copy of the proof.

George said that Allan's position has no update at this point. It should be the next one to be hired. Maria's job was dropped because it has been open for so long that it will be a new position now.

George talked about how districts are funded now and some of the options for funding in the future. He said that he thinks that Division V has used some of their funds for to help with the

Envirothon. George talked with the board about the way funds are distributed with districts. He talked about some changes that may happen with this process. The ISWCC would like to know whether or board likes any of the ideas to change distribution changes or the change of the match. George went over the ideas with the board. The board decided they didn't like the tiered idea. The board prefers the scenario C of equal distribution to all districts. Devin made a motion to support Equal Distribution. Mark 2nd the motion. Motion carries.

Discussion was then had on the adjudication and when it will begin here. Rex said that on March 4th the Judge will have the chance to approve it. The Legislature has already appropriated the funds for it. Brandee said that she did talk to Chris about helping set up a meeting with James Cefalo and having him come tell us what will happen in the process.

Grant Reports:

Conservation Basics: Shawn presented the report. See Attached.

Shawn said that Todd Transtrum set up a meeting for March 26th at 2:00 PM for the St. Charles project.

Mark said that his Contract had the wrong numbers in it, but Chris has fixed and Brandee will print out the right one and get Mark to sign it.

Shawn asked if the board knew of any projects for the next year. James said that he has talked to Rocky Mountain Power about helping with the bank on the Bear River that is eroding away. He said that it might be one to look in to before it takes lots of land. Rex said that maybe we could look in to helping with the drains at the airport. George said that it might go under a BMP ag grant. Devin said that he knew of one landowner that wants a watering system.

District: Building to rent: Brandee told the board what she found out about possible places to rent. She may have found a space in the Insurance Designer building, but it is upstairs so it is not handicap accessible. Rex said that maybe the Extension office would let us use the open office that they have.

Minutes: James made a motion to accept the minutes. Mark 2nd the Motion. Motion passed.

Financial: James made a motion to add a \$1000 to the Debit card. Devin 2nd the Motion. Motion passed. Todd made a motion to accept the financial statements for January and February. Mark 2nd the Motion. Motion passed.

Brandee asked if the board wanted to hold their Co-Operator meeting or still wait. The board decided to still wait.

Brandee's Evaluation Discuss in executive.

Executive Session §74-2061 (a) & (b): Mark made a motion to go into executive session. Devin 2nd the motion.

The board come out of executive session.

Brandee said that she had talked to the Extension Office and they are willing to let Brandee come in and use the space. The board decided to have Brandee use the space.

The board said that Brandee did well on her evaluation.

Todd made a motion to give Brandee a 3% increase on her wages and to back pay her for her use of the cell phone (\$40) and internet use at her house (\$20) since August. Devin 2nd the motion. Motion passed.

Next Meeting: March 1st, 2021 at 11AM for the 5-year with lunch after and March 1st, 2021 at 1PM for the regular meeting. Brandee will send out the 5 year and annual plan so the board can look over it before the meeting.

Adjournment: Mark made a motion to adjourn. James 2nd the motion.

End Time: 3:08 PM

Todd made a motion to pay for the IDEA dues. Devin 2nd the motion. Motion Passed.