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Bear Lake Soil & Water Conservation District  
January 7, 2019 at 1:00 pm  
USDA Service Center, Montpelier, Idaho

Present: Jennifer Jenson, Mark Parker, Devin Boehme, Larry Mickelson, Rex Payne, James Hardcastle

Welcome: Jennifer Jenson (1:14 PM)

Prayer: Devin Boehme

Agency Reports:

**NRCS:** Larry presented his report. (See attached sheet.) He said that we are 46% of the way through the snow accumulation year. Bear Lake received 6 eligible applications for EQIP. He said that they should have the contracts by the end of January for successful applications.

**Local Working group:** Larry showed the board the work group plan from last year and went over the recommendations for 2019. The board ranked the resource concerns as #1 water Quality, #2 Livestock Production Limitation, #3 Soil Erosion, and #4 Soil Quality Degradation. The board decided to leave everything else like last years.

**FSA:** They are Furloughed

**Bear Lake County Commission:** Rex told about where they are at on the plans for the courthouse. They have the clearance for the money but are waiting on bids. There are local contractors interested in bidding. Judicial Confirmation made it so that the building had have something done. They can bond but not raise taxes, but they might still adjust taxes. They are hoping to break ground in March, and it will take 11-12 months to build. There is a meeting on the Planning and Zoning subdivision fencing. 54" fence and the subdivision will oversee it not the individual. The board decided to have as many as could go to this meeting on Jan. 14 at 7. Brandee asked Rex what the Rangeland money was for and he said it is used for predator control.

**Bear Lake County Extension:** Les emailed and said he is at meetings.

**Bear Lake County Weed Control:** None

**ISWCC:** Allan wasn't able to attend the meeting, but he called Brandee with some information. ISWCC is working on getting their tracker updated. They are trying to get all projects add to this tracker. They are starting with fiscal year 2017. Eventually districts and ISWCC will use this.

**Grant Reports:**

**Conservation Basics:** Chris didn't come but sent a text to Brandee. He wants the board to know that we have the subgrant for the Bennington Creek diversion and stabilization project.

**District:** Brandee told the board that she got the w-2 and w-3 done. Teuschers are working on the 1099. Brandee asked the board if there was anything that needs to be changed on the scholarship form. They said just the date.

Brandee let the board know of the next P&Z meeting coming up and that Chase Hulme wants to subdivide some land up Joe's Gap. They Board then discussed their thoughts on the matter.

Rex said that Gary Teuscher had talked to him about his project and was concerned that there was no plans. Rex said that he was concerned about that to. He asked why the commission doesn't forward the plans to NRCS. Brandee told them that Teuschers were eager to get started on their project and Chris said they could get started without a plan. Brandee said that she had been in contact with James Teuscher and he knew the plan well enough to start and was confident. The board has decided that we need plans on all projects before work is done. The board had discussion on the subject of contracted help and projects.

Larry said that sometimes NRCS can help with an employee is the District is willing to pay half of the employee and then NRCS will pay the other half.

**Tree Sales/Nursery License:** Board wants to do the sale like last year.

**Education Day:** Brandee told the board that the school day will be the last week of January. Jennifer said that she can help except on the 30<sup>th</sup>.

**Legislative Display:** Brandee told the board that legislative day was on Monday January 14 in Boise and the division was meeting on Wednesday January 9 to put the display together. The board told Brandee to go to the division meeting but not Boise this year.

**5-year Plan:** Meet to do the 5-year plan on Feb. 4<sup>th</sup>. Brandee will email it to the board and we will go over it in next meeting.

**Election of Officers:** Mark made a motion to leave the officers the same. James 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Motion passed.

**Minutes:** The board went over the minutes from Dec. James made a motion to accept the minutes. Devin 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Motion passed.

**Financial Report/Bills:** Motion to moved \$1000 into the debit card account was made by Devin. Mark 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Motion Passed. Mark made a motion to accept the financial report and bills

**Executive Session §74-2061 (a) (b):** Devin made a motion to go into Executive session. Mark 2<sup>nd</sup> the Motion. Board went into executive session. Mark made a motion to come out of executive session. Devin 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion.

Brandee's Benefits: Put on hold till February meeting.

Next Meeting: February 4<sup>th</sup>, 2019 @ 12:00 with lunch

Adjournment: Devin made a motion to adjourn. James 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Motion passed.