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Bear Lake Soil & Water Conservation District
January 6, 2020 at 1:00 pm
USDA Service Center, Montpelier, Idaho

Present: Jennifer Jenson, Devin Boehme, Mark Parker, Todd Lloyd, Larry Mickelson, Rex Payne, Allan Johnson, Kathy Bunn, James Hardcastle (1:45 PM)

Welcome: Jenifer Jenson Welcomed everyone to the meeting

Prayer: Rex offered a prayer.

Agency Reports:

NRCS: Larry presented the attached DC Report. Larry also talked about the EQIP sign up not having a deadline yet. He also talked about the CSP and CRP signups. Larry said that there will be some program opportunities for the Paris Irrigation to help if the power plant is decommissioned.

Bear Lake County Commission: Rex talked about how he called the University of Idaho Extension office to see about replacing Les. He is hoping to get a replacement agent soon. Rex told the board how the Courthouse sheetrock is almost done. Devin asked what the county knew about the underpass and overpass project for animal crossing. Rex said he know it will be from Kolby Romrell's place to Rocky Point.

Bear Lake County Weed Control: None

FSA: Kathy came in and talked about the CRP signups happening now. Our county will lose about 1/3 of our CRP acres this year. (33 contracts) She talked about the pay rates in the new sign up. Larry told that beginning farmers can graze every year and the nesting period, others can graze every other year.

ISWCC: Allan said that Delwyne sent out an email about the annual reports. Allan said that he didn't let Bear Lake know because their report was already done. Legislation is in session now and display days will be next week. We will know more about the Budget after this session. Allan will talk to Doug Thompson about which line will be next for the Georgetown Irrigation. We are still waiting to hear from Rhett on the Bennington Irrigation project. Allan said that he will send Brandee the final designs for the other projects.

Grant Reports:

Conservation Basics: Allan went over this report. (See attached report)

District: Brandee told the board that the French Dutch Fuels Reduction project must be done by the end of this month. We have the seed and are just waiting for the contractor to do the work. The board asked if everything was fixed from the check accident last month? Brandee told them that it was, and all parties involved knew about it. Devin said he thought the whole issue was handled well.

Tree Sales/Nursery License: Brandee asked the board if they are wanting to still do tree sales and if so, we will need to renew our license. The board agreed to do the tree sales again and to do fliers to every house again.

Education Day: Brandee Told the board that the school day is scheduled for January 14 at 11 am till 4 pm.

5-year Plan: Brandee asked the board if they wanted to set up a meeting time to do the 5-year and annual plan. They decided to set it for February 3 at 11 am and do lunch before the board meeting.

Technical Assistance Request: Brandee told the board how George has extra hours on the Thomas Fork project that we could move over to other projects like the French Dutch Fuels Reduction Project.

Election of Officers: Motion James made a motion to leave the officers as is. Mark 2nd the motion. Motion carried

Minutes: Motion Devin made a motion to accept the minutes from December's meeting. Mark 2nd the motion. Motion carried

Financial Report/Bills: Motion Mark made a motion to accept the financial and to also pay for the Nursery license renewal. Devin 2nd the motion. Motion carried.

Executive Session §74-2061 (a) (b): Mark made a motion to go into executive session. Todd 2nd the motion. Motion carried. Went into session at 2:05 PM and left session at 2:17 PM

Next Meeting: February 3 at 1 PM

Adjournment: Devin made a motion to adjourn the meeting. James 2nd the motion. Motion carried. 2:30 PM