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Bear Lake Soil and Water Conservation District  
Board Meeting Agenda for June 3, 2019 at 1 PM  
USDA Service Center, Montpelier, Idaho

Present: Jennifer Jenson, Mark Parker, Devin Boehme, James Hardcastle, Rex Payne, Brandee Wells, Cooper Jensen, Chris Banks, Allan Johnson

**Time:** 1:03 PM

**Welcome:** Jennifer welcomed everyone.

**Prayer:** Devin

**Minutes:** The board went over the minutes. Mark made a motion to accept the minutes from May 6<sup>th</sup> meeting. Devin 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Motion carried.

**Financial report/bills:** The board looked over the Financial report and the Durango report. The board decided that the Durango is worth having. Mark made a motion to move \$1000 into the Debit card and to accept the report for the month. James 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Motion carried.

**Agency reports**

**NRCS:** Larry was gone but sent a DC report. Cooper presented the report.

**FSA:** Kathy and Sabrina were in training meetings. There was a Conservation Plan for the board to sign.

**Bear Lake County Commission:** Rex talked about the County budget meeting that is on Wednesday. Brandee said that she had already sent in the letter for that meeting. Rex asked if she remembered to add the Dyers woad that we want to start next year? She said she would write it in and resend it to Cindy. Rex also reminded the board that they can't make a motion in executive session. Rex told the board that there will be a game fence going up and coming to Rocky Point. There will be a public meeting put together soon.

Rex also talked about concerns that he has with the parade route and who is responsible if anything happens. He said that there is a release of liability to sign when Parades are done on Highways. The county is also thinking of doing the same type of form for county liability during the parade route.

**Bear Lake County Weed Department:** None

**Fish and Game Conference call:** 2:00 PM Dr. Mark Drew (Wildlife Veterinarian) (208)850-9672: James called Mark and asked him questions about the wildlife in the valley and the connection between them and the livestock sickness we had this year. Dr. Drew said that January to March is the high-risk months for the elk and deer to be in haystacks. He also said

that if the wildlife isn't coming from the DSA then your chances are low for disease. James asked, Are the Fish and Game considering feeding the wildlife to keep them out of haystacks and fencing them out of the haystacks? Dr. Drew said that they do provide deprivation area help and funding for fencing. Landowners just need to ask the coordinator from the regional office in Pocatello because there is funding to help. He also said that some of these questions would be good to ask Zack and Eric from the regional office. Dr. Drew said that he is happy to talk to the Board anytime with other questions if needed.

**ISWCC:** Allan told the board that the partnership agreement is being looked at for review. They are trying to get an agreement for individual districts to help with technical assistance for NRCS. Districts would have a technical person to work for the districts on NRCS programs. Another option is to hire 1 person and share with other districts. They will be reaching out in July. Allan also informed the board that the District Manual has been revised with some rule changes. Now there is wording about Fraud in the verification. Allan meet with Joel on Thursday and said that he would bring in a pump to today to see if it will work. Brandee told Allan that Joel's son brought it in today and Chris took a picture of it and Chris told him that it will work. It is a 1 HP pump. Allan told us that the Georgetown project will start tomorrow. He has also gone and surveyed the Red Canyon line and has pipeline profile view ready to talk with the irrigation company about. Allan told us that the allocation hours have been decided. Thomas fork got 170 hours for Allan and 128 hours for George. Legislature will be voting to renew rules at the end of legislation at the end of the year. If you have a comment on the rule changes you should contact them before June 11. The Soil and Water Conservation has 4 rules. This year they were not voted on so they can make rules temporary until next legislation. Governor Little wants to reduce the # of rules for everyone. They are looking at getting rid of two of the conservation rules. The rule about Districts having a 5-year plan (SC 60.05.02) and the Districts Allocation Rule (60.05.03-WQPA). The last one hasn't been funded for years so it will expire.

#### **Grant updates**

**District Manager:** Brandee told the board what their ICRMP estimate looked like. Then she told the board that the French Dutch Fuels Reduction Grant was going well so far.

**Conservation Basics, LLC:** See attached report from Chris. He also told the board that it looks like there will be extra monies (about 18,510 left to allocate) in the Thomas fork project and asked how they wanted to deal with that. The board said to talk to the Teuschers first and then maybe Prices or Boehme. Chris said he would do that. Chris then told the board that the Bear Lake Nutrient Reduction Project has been approved for the BAG. The board and Chris had a discussion on how Chris was going to fit in to the district. Chris said that he want to stay on for the remainder of the Thomas Fork Project. He also told the district that he really doesn't want them feeling like they aren't getting what they think they need form him. He did say that he realizes that communication has been but rough, but he is just used to doing a lot of it on his own. It is hard to get landowners time to fit everyone else's. He has a list of 8 landowners for the next grant application. He is working with two other districts to write and work grants. He says that in this district the landowners come into the office to talk about possible grant or if there is a question or concern on the ongoing grant instead of calling him or

Allan like the other districts do. Chris said that his time is limited to Friday and Saturdays during school and that makes it hard where Brandee works Monday-Thursdays. Brandee said that she can do some Fridays during those months. There was more discussion on what is happening now and what the board wants to see happen. The decision was made to have more communication between everyone, Reports at board meeting, and to have Chris teach Brandee more so that she can answer some questions when the landowners come in. Brandee will be a contact person.

**Fair Ideas:** The board decided to talk about this in next meeting.

**Annual Tour/Cooperator of the Year: Ideas** The board decided to talk about this in next meeting.

**Next Meeting:** July 11, 2019 @1 PM

**Adjournment:** James made a motion to adjourn. Mark 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Motion carried.