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Bear Lake Soil and Water Conservation District
Board Meeting Agenda June 7, 2021 @ 1:00 PM
Bear Lake County Extension Office

Present: Mark Parker, Chris Banks, George Hitz, Brandee Wells, Devin Boehme,
Cooper Jensen, Rex Payne, James Hardcastle

Welcome: Devin Welcomed everyone to the meeting

Prayer: Chris offered the prayer

Agency Reports:

NRCS: Cooper showed the board the drought map and told them that we were in a D2 state.

Bear Lake County Commissioners: Rex said that he thinks the Extension office is getting ready for interviews for the Educator position.

FSA: Brandee told the board that Kathy has one conservation plan contract that she needs them to sign. She will have more later to sign.

Bear Lake County Extension: None

Bear Lake County Weed Control: None

ISWCC: George talked about the TA hours and what Bear Lake received. Bear Lake received 120 hours from George and 115 hours for an engineer for the Bear Lake Diversions project. Once this project is completed, we can transfer the time to the other projects of there is time left over. There are also some discretionary hours that can be used. Would you like WQPA to be reactivated? There was some discussion on these subjects. George also said that Teri's last day is on June 11. The vacancy will be advertised for 30 days on the State Employee site. Delwyne will be Acting Administrator. George told the board that the SWCC will be distributing funds in July. It will be \$8,500 for District Base and \$6,000.00 for District operations allocations to all Districts. They will distribute District match allocations in November per statue and rule.

George also talked about how the NWQI/SWPA designations for areas or watersheds for NRCS (in-house designation). This is like the Sage Grouse and Soil Health Initiatives... they could open up new EQIP funding pools for projects/landowners in those areas. There must be a plan in place before implementation, however NRCS has 1 year planning phase that can be requested before implementation. (He wanted to get Larry's input on this, but he wasn't there.)

Grant Updates:

Conservation Basics, LLC.: See Attached Report

DMO: Brandee said that she and Mark went up to the Williamson Fuels Reduction area and met with a landowner, Nathan and Alicia Etcheverry. We got the permission to do mowing on the landowner's land. Nathan and Alicia will work on that piece until Mark tells them to stop mowing because of fire danger.

Minutes: Mark made a motion to accept the minutes from the May meeting. James 2nd the motion. Motion carried.

Financial: James made a motion to accept the financial statement with the addition of \$1310.72 to Conservation Basics LLC. Mark 2nd the motion. Motion carried.

Next Meeting: Aug. 2, 2021 and then Tour in September

Adjournment: Mark made a motion to adjourn.

