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Present: Jennifer, Devin, Mark, Todd, Brandee, Larry, Chris, Allan, Rex, George

Bear Lake Soil and Water Conservation District
Board Meeting Agenda May 4, 2020 @ 1:00 PM
Bear Lake County Fire Station, Montpelier, ID ZOOM Meeting

Welcome: Jennifer Welcomed Everyone to the meeting 1:15 P.M.

Prayer: Devin offered a prayer

Agency Reports:

NRCS: Larry reported with the attached DC report. CRP required full field checks and mapping. We signed a MOA last fall but NRCS will change it for this year. They will charge the districts for space used now and computers. The districts can still use match to offset this amount. It will be \$5000 for computer usage and \$2000 for space.

County Commissioners: Rex told the board that the courthouse is moving right along. The Covid-19 virus has slowed some of the work down a little. They are hoping to pave the parking lot the same weekend that they move in. Mark asked if Rex knew that the certified the fire system. Rex said yes, he knew and then asked if the fire season was open or closed right now? Mark told Rex that it is open right now, but it had been shut down for a little while.

ISWCC: Allan told the board that with the Covid-19 virus keeping the Commission working from home there is not a lot going on. They are still working from home right now. He can do a field work but has to follow social distancing while he is doing them. He is not sure when they will be back in the office. Allan has been working with Rain for Rent on the Georgetown Irrigation project. Work will start Wednesday at noon. He surveyed the Harris project with Chris today. Chris then told Allan that the Bennington Irrigation Project was supposed to hold a meeting, but it was on hold. He did say that the landowner wants to put the pipe in the creek bed and not run it along the side. Jennifer asked if we had the money to help with the Georgetown project. Chris told the board that we were trying to get two other bids. Rain for Rent's bid was 117,000 and the only other bid we received was 100,000. Brandee texted Chris on Saturday and told him that the pipe was already at the site and worked planned for this week. The project didn't wait for the bids and went with Rain for Rent. Chris told the board that we would still like to have a meeting with the Bennington Irrigation Board before the project starts. Allan told the board that on the Georgetown project he looked at the maps and didn't see any valves.

Grant Updates: Chris talked about the Harris project and the plans for it. He was out there today with Allan to go over it. From the bottom to the highest spot there is a 200 ft. fall so it will be good for a gravity feed line. Chris said that he will start work with Mark Parker now that he and Allan can get out of the office. Chris told the board that he has talked to Bryce Crane about his project and Bryce said he will buy the trees for his wind break. Chris talked about that the 319 projects would like to put a sign up if Bryce is ok with it.

DMO: Birthday Party/Poster Contest/Tree Sales/Envirothon

Brandee asked if the board wants to just keep our 80th birthday party on hold. The board decided to wait for the state to be open again. Brandee informed the board that the school will not be participating in the poster contest this year because of the Covid-19 situation. Brandee said there will still be an Envirothon this year done over a zoom meeting. She will be watching a team but, in the office, that day. Brandee also informed the board that the tree sales went better than expected and are expected to be here on the 14th of May. Brandee told the board that she is waiting for the MOU for the Fuels Reduction Grant from Tyre and then the work can start in BLW HOA.

TA Requests: The board reviewed the TA hours requested for the year. Devin made a motion to accept the TA hours. Todd 2nd the motion. Motion Carried. Brandee also explained to the board that we did not use all the TA hours from George for the Thomas Fork Project but that he had helped her with the Fuels Reduction Grant. Mark made a motion to move the TA hours for George from the Thomas Fork project to the Fuels Reduction Grant. Devin 2nd the motion. Motion carried. Brandee will get the letter ready to go.

Minutes: Larry said that his last name is spelled wrong in the minutes from last month. Brandee will fix that. Todd made a motion to accept the minutes from last month with the change to Larry's name. Devin 2nd the motion. Motion carried.

Financial: Jennifer asked about the QuickBooks account. Brandee said that it is still not fixed. The board discussed this and said that if it does not get fixed soon then just call and cancel the account and then call the next day to set up a new one. Mark made a motion to accept the financial report. Todd 2nd the motion. Motion carried.

Scholarships: The board looked over all the scholarships that came in. They decided that there were 2 that did not meet the requirements. They board decided to give \$100 for the non-Ag scholarships and \$500 for the AG scholarships.

Next Meeting: June 1st, 2020 @ 1:00 P.M.

Adjournment: Mark made a motion to adjourn. Todd 2nd the motion. 3:20 P.M.