

# **Bear Lake Soil & Water Conservation District**

## **Board Meeting Agenda for May 3 at 1 pm**

### **Bear Lake County Fire Station, Montpelier, Idaho**

**Present:** Jennifer Jenson, Mark Parker, Devin Boehme, James Hardcastle, Todd Lloyd, Brandee Wells, Larry Mickelsen, George Hitz, Shawn Banks.

**Time:** 1:13 PM

**Welcome:** Jennifer

**Prayer:** James offered a prayer to start the meeting

**Paul Etcheverry:** Paul and Alicia came and talked about the fuels reduction project and the work that they have done so far. Paul talked about how he started working with us on the last project and on this one. They started some of the work on this project last Spring but stopped July 1<sup>st</sup> because of the fire danger. Then he discussed the price change and why this was necessary. Last project dealt with a lot of grass mowing and we thought that was going to be this project to. The material that they have had to work with this year is different and that is why there is a change in the prices on the invoice from the original bid. He also discussed with the board how the burning of the slash piles was going and that there were still some more piles to burn this winter. He said that the total cost would be \$15,000 for the burning. Paul also suggested that it might be a good idea to see a sign put up in the area or some kind of education for the residents. The board discussed the change in the bid and invoice and agreed to get it changed on the budget. Brandee will work in that and get it done.

#### **Agency reports**

**NRCS:** See Attached Report

**FSA:** None

**Bear Lake County Commission:** None

**Bear Lake County Weed Department:** None

**ISWCC:** George talked about the engineer job. There were only two applications and neither one was qualified so now it will be opened up now for an Associate Engineer (Engineer in training). Terri Murrison is retiring. George talked about how the funding and how the districts voted. It will be discussed at the Fall meeting because we need a majority vote.

#### **Grant updates**

**Conservation Basics, LLC:** Shawn presented the attached report.

**District Manager:**

**Minutes: and financial report/bills:** Brandee told the board that there are still \$14,892.26 in the Bear River Nutrient Reduction bank account from the Stauffer Creek Project and \$7,237.90 in the Bear Lake Water Improvement Project from the Thomas Fork Project. Mark made a motion to accept the financial report with the moving of the \$14,892.26 to a savings account and \$7,237.90 to the other savings account. He

**Tree Sales:** Brandee told the board how much there was in tree sales this year. She said what the cost was to the supplier and so about how much there was for scholarships.

**Scholarships: Awards Assembly May 24 @ 3** Jennifer said that she is planning on being there to present them. The board went over the scholarships and chose who to award them to. James made a motion to make the Ag scholarship recipients to receive \$1000 and the Non-Ag Scholarship recipients to receive \$300. Todd 2nd the motion. Motion passed.

**Poster Contest: There may possibly be an assembly to hand out the prizes.** Assembly May 18 at 8 AM. Jennifer said that she would be there for this too. The poster winners will be Marlee Stoddard 1<sup>st</sup> place, Brooke Boehme 2<sup>nd</sup> place, and Brinley Hansen 3<sup>rd</sup> place.

**Meetings for the summer? (Annual Tour/Cooperator of the Year: Ideas)** Annual Tour Tentative date of Sept. 10 and the Cooperator Banquet in Dec.

**Executive Session: §67-2345 (a) (b)** None

**Adjournment:** Devin moved to adjourn the meeting. Mark 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Motion carried.

**Next Meeting:** June 7, 2021 and then Aug. 2, 2021