



Bear Lake Soil & Water Conservation District

January 3, 2022 at 1:00 pm

Bear Lake Country Extension Office

Present: Jennifer Jenson, Devin Boehme, Mark Parker, George Hitz, Rex Payne, Brandee Wells

Welcome: Jennifer welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Prayer: Devin offered a prayer.

Election of Officers: Mark made a motion to keep the officers the same. Devin 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Motion carried.

Minutes: The board went over the minutes. Mark made a motion to accept the minutes. Devin 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Motion passed.

Financial Report/Bills: Brandee went over some of the expenses that will be coming out of the Debit card in the next couple of months. The office subscription, and the Intuit renewal will be coming out. Mark made a motion to accept the financial report with the transfer of \$1500 to the Debit card for upcoming expenses. Devin 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Motion passed. Brandee let the board know that the request for Donation for the Envirothon has been sent out and asked the board if they wanted to donate again this year. There was discussion on the matter. Mark made a motion to donate \$50 to the 2022 Envirothon. Devin 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Motion passed.

Agency Reports:

NRCS: The board went over Larry's report. (See Attached Report) Mark said that the reported snow fall recently was 37" of snow with 2.72 water content.

FSA: None

Bear Lake County Commission: Rex said that there wasn't really anything to report from the commissioners this month. He asked if there was any information on the project for the Airport. The board said that Chris hasn't said anything yet

on it. Brandee texted Chris about the project. Brandee reported that Chris said it wasn't a project that would work with our grants.

Bear Lake County Weed Control: None

ISWCC: George said that he helped Chris with some maps for projects. George updated the board about the Envirothon. It will happen in person in Challis on April 25-26. Steven and George are the co-chairs of the Envirothon this year. George told the board that the commission is still looking for an engineer.

Rex wanted to let the board know about the rezoning the legislative districts. We would be with Caribou East Bonneville and Teton counties. He also said that there were more interviews for an Extension agent and it looks promising that we might have one soon. The county got 1.2 million dollars in Covid relief money and they will use some to remodel the Extension building. Some will be used for EMT to get some Lucas machines. Rex updated us on the St. Charles subdivision and that the county has asked for some more information on a few items. They are waiting for that to come back. The paper wants the county to hold another open meeting training. That will happen at some point.

Grant Reports:

Conservation Basics: The board went over Chris report. (See Attached Report) Brandee will call Alice to see if she got the specifications for a project.

District: Brandee said there wasn't any change in the Fuels reduction project. Working on the extension with the MOU so that the date change is in it.

Education Day: Brandee said she doesn't have a date for this activity yet, but the teacher originally said that she wanted it at the end of January. She will let the board know when she has a date.

A question was brought up on if anyone had heard anything on the adjudication and when it might start. There was discussion on the subject. There is talk that the adjudication might change where the start point is and start in Bear Lake County instead of Oneida County in June.

5-year Plan: We will have our 5-year plan meeting just before next meeting.

Next Meeting: February 7, 2022 at 11 AM for the 5-year plan and 1 PM for the monthly meeting.

Executive Session §74-2061 (a) (b): Devin made a motion to go into executive session. Mark 2nd the motion.

The board came out of executive session.

Devin made a motion to give Brandee a 3% raise in wages. Mark 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Motion passed. Discussion on getting a part time employee to help out in the office. Brandee said that she could use some help planning outreach programs, tree sales, and the Dyer's Woad program. The board told Brandee to have a draft job description ready for next meeting. It would start in April so it could be a high school student and have them work on Fridays and go through possible September. The board also asked Brandee to have an employee evaluation ready for next meeting.

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

