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**Bear Lake County Soil and Water Conservation District Board Meeting 1:00 P.M.
November 4, 2019 in the USDA Service Center in Montpelier, ID**

Present: Jennifer Jenson, James Hardcastle, Devin Boehme, Mark Parker, Todd Lloyd, Les Nunn, Rex Payne, Larry Mickelsen, Brandee Wells, Allan Johnson

Welcome: Jennifer welcomed everyone (1:05 PM)

Prayer: James offered the prayer

Agency Reports:

NRCS: See attached District Conservation Report

Agency agreement: Larry went over the MOU and discussed with the board about the purpose for it. He left it with Jennifer to look over and sign.

Civil Rights: Larry read over the NRCS Civil Rights and then the board members all signed it.

FSA: None

Bear Lake County Commissioner: James commented to Rex what a good job the county is doing on the culverts around the valley. Rex said that road and bridge have been working hard. Brandee asked what Rex knew about the meeting for the Historical group wanting to come to the valley. Rex will send information to her.

Bear Lake County Weed Control: None

Bear Lake County Extension: Les will be leaving the extension office for a new job.

ISWCC: Allan told the board about the meeting next week during conference. Allan talked about the 5% hold back for 2020 and that there are going to be changes for the next couple of year. Allan told the board that the RCDRP loan program has some changes. He then discussed that the governor is accepting applications for Division 6. If they know of any one in that area, they should encourage them to apply. Allan said that he had talked to Price about his project and he was still needing to pour some thrust blocks. Teuscher still needs to do a containment area and the draft design is done for Bennington. He gave the design to the irrigation company when he and Brandee met with them.

Grant Updates:

District: Brandee updated the board on the French/Dutch fuels reduction grant. George came and help Brandee measure the mowed area so that we can pay the contractor. Brandee told Rex that we are approved for bills to start. Brandee told the board that at the BAG meeting our grant placed 1st.

Conservation Basics, LLC: See attached Conservation Basics report. The board discussed a problem on the Thomas Fork project, and they want Brandee to call the solar contractor and see if we can figure it out.

James asked about the grasshopper situation. He did get talk to someone about the bait, but it is just hard to get it at the right time. There was some discussion on the matter and then talk of using predation money for it.

Project Duties: Brandee asked if we wanted to go over the project duties of the board where there are new grants. The board decided to discuss this item at the January 6th meeting.

Les Nunn left the meeting at 2:25 PM

Division V Update: Devin told the board that Jennifer was voted back onto the DAWG. Jennifer and Devin both said that it was a good meeting. In the meeting they not to have the Roberts rules in the bylaws. They also told the board that you need a motion to go into Executive session but no motion to come out. They told the board about the motions from the meeting: one to take a bus up to Boise for legislator days, and one discussion for a booth at the Ag Expo. Brandee told them that one of the districts posters will be going to state.

Rex and Larry left the meeting at 2:40 PM

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

Minutes: (Motion) The board went over the minutes from last meeting. Todd made a motion to accept the minutes. Devin 2nd the motion. Motion carries.

Financial report/Bills: (Motion)NACD Membership? Debit Card: Brandee told the board that the NACD membership dues need a price and there is a letter for \$25 for door prizes at conference if they want. James made a motion to do \$25 for the door prizes. Mark 2nd the motion. Motion carried. Mark made a motion to do \$400 for the NACD membership. Brandee told the board that Conservation Basics sent a bill and it is not on the financial. Devin made a motion to pay Conservation Basics from the Thomas Fork account and add to the financial and to move \$1000 dollars to the debit account from main checking and accept the financial report. Todd 2nd the motion. Motion carried.

Co-operator: The board discussed who to have for the co-operator of the year for their banquet. They decided on 2 names. They will have James and Gary Teuscher with Mountain View Ranch and Adrianna Price with her NRCS High tunnel project.

Next Meeting: Dec. 5, 2019 @ 6:00 and 6:30 for the Co-operator Banquet. Brandee will see about the Senior Center, if not Mark says we can hold it at the Fire Station. Have the audit in January 6th, 2020.

Adjournment: Devin made a motion to Adjourn. Mark 2nd the motion. Motion Carried. 3:30