

Bear Lake Soil & Water Conservation District
Board Meeting Agenda for May 2, 2022, at 1 pm
Bear Lake County Extension, Montpelier, Idaho

Present: Jennifer Jenson, Devin Boehme, Rex Payne, Larry Mickelsen, Brandee Wells, On Google were George Hitz, and Shawn Banks.

Time: 1:08 PM

Welcome: Jennifer welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Prayer: Devin offered a prayer

Agency reports

NRCS: Larry gave his report. (See attached report) There was discussion on the different droughts that we have. The Hydrological Drought is what we are in now and last year was an Agricultural Drought.

FSA: None

Bear Lake County Commission: Rex reported that Bear Lake County is a secondary drought county in the state. Franklin County and Oneida County are at a D-3 status, and we share borders.

Rex said that the Fair Board is sending in their priorities for the relief money that the county received. They would like to do a walkway. The Oregon Trail Center and the City of Montpelier are bringing in people to pave and said that the Fair Board could do the walkway at the same time.

The Extension office received a new floor. There will be some other updates done to the building as well.

ISWCC: George reported that the 1st round of WQPA had 17 applications accepted and passed with one more needing a few more information. In these applications there was \$1.7 Million allocated. There is an updated application that was just sent out.

George said that the District budget hearings will be in June. There is a new district Survey coming soon.

We will also be opening up the engineering position again. It will close next month.

George said that the Envirothon went pretty good. Everyone was really excited about it being in person again. It really depends on the Districts support to run smoothly. He reported that Rigby took 1st place, Gooding took 2nd place, and one of North Gem took 3rd place.

George told the board that the WQPA program will be able to be paid out by

Grant updates

Conservation Basics, LLC: Shawn gave the report for Conservation Basics. (See attached report)

District Manager: Brandee said that the fuels reduction grant got all paperwork that it needed to and that the County should be receiving a reimbursement check soon hopefully.

Brandee said that the Soils CDE for the FFA is supposed to be in Bear Lake this September. Kevin is wanting to know if the board would be willing to help with it again. The board said they would help with it.

The District had two applications come in to the office. Brandee said that the one lady had started a full-time job somewhere else already. The Board told her to do an interview with the other applicant. They said to have the starting pay be #10/hr.

Minutes: The board went over the minutes from last meeting. Mark made a motion to accept the minutes. Devin 2nd the motion. Motion carried.

Financial report/bills: The board went over the financial report. Devin made a motion to accept the minutes. Mark 2nd the motion. Motion carried.

Tree Sales: Brandee said that the trees are scheduled for delivery next week. The FFA classes will come and help with the unloading and sorting of orders. The

board will pay them the same as last year.

Scholarships: Awards Assembly May 23 @ 3 Jennifer said that she will be there to hand out the scholarships.

The board went over the scholarships and decided how much. The board decided \$1000.00 for Ag, \$500.00 for Educational, and \$300.00 Non-Ag. Devin made a motion to approve these amounts. James 2nd the Motion. Motion carried.

There were 2 Ag Scholarships that will receive \$1000.00, 2 Educational Scholarships to receive \$500.00, and 5 Non-Ag Scholarships to receive \$300.00.

Poster Contest: The posters were delivered, and the board judged them. 1st place went to Chelsea Smart, 2nd went to Payton Lamm. And 3rd went to Makinlee Warner. Jennifer will plan on going to help present checks when we get a date set up.

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

Devin asked if there was anymore news on the adjudication yet. There was discussion on what people had heard. Sounds like there will be an office in Preston with possibly 5 employees that is hopefully up and running in July and then there is still talk of it starting in Geneva.

Adjournment: James made a motion to adjourn. Devin 2nd the motion. Motion carried.

Next Meeting: June 6th at 1:00 PM