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Bear Lake Soil and Water Conservation District

January 8, 2017 Agenda

Present: Jennifer Jensen, Devin Boehme, James Hardcastle, Todd Lloyd, Chris Banks, Larry Mickelson, Allan Johnson

Start Time: 1:35 P.M.

Welcome: Jennifer Jensen

Prayer: Chris Banks

Agency Reports:

NRCS: Larry presented us with maps showing the current snow water levels of the state. He also presented that they are now called 1USDA with FSA and on what has happened for the month. See attached paper. If we don't get some more snow, we will be at 30%. Got 11 Applications for the 2018 EQIP year.

Bear Lake County Commission: Rex was unable to make it but had asked that we make sure that we are keeping up on the 2 grants that we are doing with them. Cindy Garner told me that the financial assistance money is already budgeted for the year, so we just need to send an invoice. She suggested going to the meeting in May to ask for financial assistance for next year. Chris and Brandee will go to the county commissioners meeting next month to let them know what has been going on through the last year. It was suggested that maybe we should ask for more assistance this next year and see if we can get it to help with all the projects that we do.

It was asked how land is preserved in the county. The county must get with the landowners and see if they are willing. Pacific Corp. might have some money to help with this too. It was suggested that Matt could come and help us understand how this program should work.

ISWCC: Allan Presented on the State of the State address and that there will be no change in the budget. He will be going to a joint meeting next week.

Conservation Basics: Chris presented with the final report for the Stauffer Creek project. There was a 40% match required and we ended up with a 51.5% match. The ECC project was able to count for some of this match. Landowners will get a 75% cost share.

The weather has delayed the progress on the Thomas fork project at Teuschers. Bryce Boehme wants to so a solar water trough if there is money left.

Chris has sent a letter to the three landowners (Kerry Romrell, Bill Robison, and Rhett Phelps) for the grant they are applying for. It has ranked #1 so things are looking very positive.

Bryce Cane needs to be asked about where his cattle are going to be grazing.

James wants to share on the conference: He talked on the GNA (Good Neighbor Authority) that was brought up at the conference. He talked on how the NACD is reporting that there are 73,000 wild horses and a lot of them are being feed but not adopted out. Next Year the Conference is in Post Falls and he would love to see representation from us there. It should be about November 15 and we should plan now because it will cost a little to fly someone there.

Tree Sales: Jennifer talked to Mayor Sharp and yes, he does want to replant trees. We would like to provide them at cost to the city. James made the motion to provide the city with trees this spring at cost. Devin 2nd the motion. Motion carries.

Talked about the scholarship applications. It was suggested that they be made in a digital format and put on the website. Brandee will need to talk to Shawn Banks about the website. Devin made the motion to change the form and get it to the high school. Todd 2nd the motion. Motion carries.

Bag of Woad: We still need to talk to Todd Transtrum to see if he would like to partner with us to do this program. James will talk to him and let us know what he says at next meeting. Brandee and Chris could maybe mention it at the County Commissioners meeting next month.

Approval of Minutes: Todd made the motion to approve the minutes from the last meeting. James 2nd the motion. Motion carries.

Financial Report: Devin made the motion to accept the bills for the month and pay for the Office 365 bill by epay and Conservation Basics for the Stauffer Creek Grant when the admin money comes. Todd 2nd the motion. Motion carries.

Next Meeting:

Adjourn: Devin made the motion to Adjourn. Todd 2nd the motion. Motion carries.

Time: 3:51 P.M.