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Bear Lake Soil and Water Conservation District
Board Meeting Agenda July 5th, 2022 @ 1:00 PM
USDA Service Center, Montpelier, Idaho

Present: Jennifer Jenson, James Hardcastle, Mark Parker, George Hitz, Rex Payne, Todd Lloyd, Devin Boehme, Ricki Garden, Larry Mickelsen, Chris Banks, Abby Roberts, and Brandee Wells

Welcome: Jennifer welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Prayer: Larry offered a prayer.

Mrs. Roberts for Middle School Elective class: Abby Roberts came to the meeting to tell the board about some new classes she and two other teachers are bringing into the Middle School. They will be FFA classes. She is not getting any extra funding to start these classes, so she is asking if the board would help with the classes. She has looked up some rough dollar amounts. A set of textbooks is \$100/book for new or for the 4th edition it is \$40/book. She thinks that if she gets enough for ½ the class then they can share them. She would like to do a flower of the month and have the kids make flower arrangements and sell them to help with future cost. They would like to do a food science lab. They would try to do a dairy and meat lab. They would also like to do a vet lab. They would like to do a grill social maybe monthly. They will be umbrellaed under the High School FFA. Each class will have about 20 students in it and the students will pay the FFA membership fees.

The new Engineer (Ricki Garden) introduced herself to the board. James left the meeting.

Agency Reports:

FSA: ERP is a program that pays on crops. The first round payed on crops that were insured. The 2nd round is on crops not insured.

NRCS: Larry gave the DC report. (See attached Report)

Bear Lake County Commissioners: Rex said that the county will be going over their budget soon. He also said that the memorial park was dedicated on July 4th at 10 AM. The Fair board will be holding a meeting tonight at 6:30 in the Extension board room. The Airport is doing well and is building more hangers for more planes that are coming in.

Bear Lake County Extension: None

ISWCC: George said the Base and Operations funding will be coming by the end of the month. George will help Chris with the WQPA contracting. George also said the Loretta's old position was filled by Megan Brookshire.

Ricki introduced herself to the board and told them a little about her background.

Grant Updates:

Conservation Basics: Chris talked about the WQPA and that the Dingle Irrigation projects are the one to get funded from Bear Lake. It sounds like the landowners can do part of the project and get reimbursed, like some of our other projects.

Jennifer said that she called Delwyne about the WQPA application review and he said that the commission was wrong in the way they were ranked with our ranking and the commissions. It sounds like there are still \$12 million of projects that didn't get funded. Suggested that we should talk to our legislative reps and show them how it is needed. Chris said that we have been great about getting the to come to our tours and should keep that. The process of the WQPA has been a learning for all involved and we will be doing a lot of good and showing it. The BMP grant is ready to start and some of the landowners have their stuff and we are waiting on their contractors. Some are still in the waiting on stuff to come. Bear Lake Nutrition Reduction Project is done this fall. One last project on this one is done, and we are just waiting for his invoice to reimburse them. Chris will talk with Crane about his project.

There was a discussion on when we should hold tour this year. Everyone looked at their calendars and picked September 16. It can be earlier in the day.

DMO: Brandee told the board that she has gotten binders ready for all the new grant we will have this year. She said there are quite a few and she is hoping to keep them strait. Jennifer asked how the Dyer's Woad program went this year. Brandee said that it went well, and she handed out 300 bags and there were still people coming in to get more bags. This year not many came back empty and those that did went back out.

Division V Fall Meeting: Tuesday October 20. The board wants to see if the Oregon Trail Center is open for this date. They would like the meeting to be at 5 PM. Early registration at 4:30 PM. Brandee will check with the trail center and see if this will work with them.

Minutes: The board went over the minutes. Todd made a motion to accept the minutes. Devin 2nd the motion. Motion carried.

Financial: The board had a discussion of how much to give to the new middle school FFA program and classes. These funds would be to help start up the program. Mark made a motion to give \$5000 to help this program start up. The board would also like to have a report once in awhile to see how the program is going. Devin 2nd the motion. Motion carried.

The board would like to have Brandee come up with a scholarship for the teachers to apply for. If the teachers apply and receive a scholarship the board would like to have them report at the tour. This year Brandee will see if Kevin can come this year and talk about the computer software program.

Devin made a motion to Donate \$50 towards the State FFA soil competition. Mark 2nd the motion. Motion carried.

Mark made a motion to accept the financial with the addition of \$1000 to the debit card. Devin 2nd the motion. Motion carried.

Adjudication: Devin asked if anyone had heard of where we are in the adjudication process. He said that there will be an office in Preston. They are starting to furnish it get it ready. Christopher will be the supervisor and will have 4-5 under him. It is planned to start next year. His cell phone is (208-972-2925) Please don't give out to the public.

The board went over the Commission's survey and filled it out. Brandee will get it sent in.

Next Meeting: August 8, 2022 at 1 PM place to be determined.

Adjournment: Todd made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Devin 2nd the motion.
Motion carried. (2:30 PM)

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