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**Bear Lake County Soil and Water Conservation District Board Meeting
March 5, 2018 in the USDA Service Center in Montpelier, ID**

Present: Jennifer Jenson, Devin Boehme, Mark Parker, Rex Payne, Alan Johnson, Chris Banks, Larry Mickelsen, Brandee Wells, Steven Smith

Welcome: Jennifer Jenson

Time: 1:45 P.M.

Prayer: Devin Boehme

Agency Reports:

NRCS: Larry reported that the snow peaks on April 8 and we are still 34% below normal. Montpelier Reservoir is High this year and could spill over. There are 6 EQIP applications that screened high (2 normal and 4 high tunnel). We are now working on the ranking process. The Stewardship program ended Friday and we have 2 new applications. Next continuing resolutions is scheduled to run out on March 23rd and if that happens Brandee will need to decide on her work schedule. You may meet the new "Acting State Conservationist" at the Division V Meeting. (see attached Sheet)

FSA: None

Bear Lake County Commissioner: Rex reported: The project in Dingle is very serious and we will have Keller Engineers look at it. Mitch Poulsen has moved some money from a Pegram project to this one. We are hoping that maybe Parson's will help with this big project. Jennifer brought up the bag of woad project. Rex said if we can get him an estimate on how much money then he will see if maybe we can use some from the Rangeland funds

Bear Lake County Weed Control: None

Bear Lake County Extension: Les couldn't make it but sent two fliers. One is for a Beef school that starts this Wednesday and the other one is for a Google Earth Pro/GIS Hybrid Course on March 27 and 28.

ISWCC: Alan reported on the staff meeting held last week in Soda Springs. He reminded us that the deadlines for the 5 Year, annual plans, and TA requests are due the end of the month. He is working with Chris and Brandee on the projects of Teuschers', Brett's, Greg's, and Boehme's.

DEQ: Steven told us that there is a grant/loan for septic systems and wondered if there were some maybe in Dingle. The people that are interested in this program would have to contact Cyndy Elliott, Loan Officer. He also came to tell us about the E-Coli in the Paris Creek. (see attached Packet) He talked about the spots that they have collected their samples. They are saying that it is the cattle that graze up there. Steven suggested that we hold an open house to help the landowners understand what is going on and what we can do to help. He suggested maybe a 319 grant be applied for this project to help. Larry also said that there is a EQIIP to help, too. Steven suggested that the open house be held with the District, NRCS and have Robert Ward help us with getting the landowners there. Chris will talk to the Forest Service about the Paris campground and the bathrooms that are there. Rex was going to check on Rocky Mountain Power. It was also suggested that maybe a Wildlife Biologist might want to see how many beaver are in the area and see if they are a contributing factor. Rex said that Max Bunderson is the Cattleman's Associations contact. His son runs cows up there, too. It was suggested that the Open House be by invitation and Chris said he would talk to Robert Ward about this.

Grant Updates: Review 319 project this year.

Conservation Basics, LLC: Chris talked about the grants he is working with the District on. On the Thomas Fork AFO grant Chris reported that Teuschers want a diversion structure and pipe to the pump behind the house, and then maybe need another grant for the diversion structure across the road from his house. Tara Hicks is great to work with, but she is very busy. Payment for Richard Loertscher's work that he has done. He has done some of the fencing and has not been payed yet. Match would be 1436.80 for the 2155.20. The Stauffer creek project is on hold until the snow melts. We need to redo some of the troughs that broke from the frost earlier this year. Kempton's met with Fish and Game to look at the culvert to make sure it meets standard for the fish. Brett's project had some runoff that under a corner of his culvert. The culvert was done by Fish and Game and had a hump in it that a block was set on to level out, so he could drive heavy equipment over. Fish and Game will fix. Chris informed the district that there is a new grant open in April and closes in July. He would like to have it done before July before the Envirothon. Paris Hallows is almost done. We are waiting to put in the signs till the snow melts/. Chris will design these and get the design to Tyler at Craiggerbuilt. He also reminded the District that there should be an Associations meeting in April for the Property owners of the French Dutch Fuels Reduction Area. Chris also added that the Idaho Conservation League is suing counties for wastewater collection plants. Chris brought in a new MOU for the District. He brought in a five year on and a one year one. The district chose the 5-year one to sign. Mark made the motion to accept Chris Banks MOU for 5 years. Devin 2nd the motion. Motion carries.

Division 5 Meeting: Brandee informed the board that she has turned in the amount to Kit and he was going to send it out to the other districts. Texas Road house will cater. Do we want them to set it up? The board decided they did. Chris said he will be going. The board will let Brandee know who is going.

5 Year Plan: the board decided to look over the 5-year plan on March 15 at 11-2 and have a pizza lunch meeting.

Tree Sales: Flyers are ready. Brandee asked the Board how they wanted to advertise in the paper. The board decided every door. Devin made the motion to accept the flyers be mailed to every door in the county. Mark 2nd the motion. Motion carries. The board reminded Brandee to call about using the fair building again for storage of the trees.

School Days: Brandee asked about the 6th grade school days and how they get the posters. She was told to by them the right size or to just to cut them herself. Chris told the board about a water trailer that we might be able to bring in for the day. The theme is Watershed: Our water, our home. Chris will look into the trailer for the end of March or beginning of April. Steven said that he could come and help with the 6th grade day. Chris said he could and that George probably could.

Jennifer brought to the boards attention that we oversee the FFA soils judging contest this fall. It will be on September 26, 2018. Brandee will contact Trudy Pink.

Bag of Woad: The board discussed how much to do the program for. Chris said that Caribou does \$10 a bag. The board wants a sign in sheet used so that when they bring back you can check them in and use to pay for the bags. Also mark the bags so they don't get reused. The district would be willing to have a dumpster here at the building that then gets dumped daily. The Board would be willing to give \$2500 and see if the county would be willing to match that. We still need to talk to Todd to see if he will be willing to work with us. Mark made the motion to move on with the bag of woad program. Devin 2nd the Motion. Motion carries.

Minutes: Devin made the motion to accept the minutes from last months meeting. Mark 2nd the motion. Motion Carries.

Financial Report/Bills: Devin made the motion to accept the financial report and bills. Mark 2nd

Next Meeting: March 15 @ 11-2 to do 5-Year and Annual meeting
May 7 @ 1:30 Next Board Meeting

Adjournment: Mark made the motion to Adjourn the meeting. Devin 2nd the motion. Motion carries.

Time: 4:20 P.M.