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Bear Lake Soil and Water Board Meeting
February 5, 2024 @ 1 PM, Montpelier USDA Service Center
Present: Jennifer Jenson, Mark Parker, Devin Boehme, Todd Lloyd, James Hardcastle,
Brandee Wells, Brent Ure, Shad Mills,

Prayer: James offered a prayer

Welcome: Jennifer welcomed everyone to the meeting

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

Agency Reports:

FSA: None

NRCS: Shad Presented the Team Report (See Attached Report)

Bear Lake County Commissioners: None

Bear Lake County Extension: James asked if we could find out if there is any way to get help with the Voles. Brandee will try to find out.

ISWCC: Brent said that there has already been \$2 million paid out in the WQPA projects out of the \$5 million. Brent said that the FY 25 budget is coming up in the legislature and it looks like there will only be \$1 million in the WQPA projects, and an increase of 75,400 for the annual district distribution. With WQPAs money amount being smaller there will have to be some revisions of how projects are ranked. The projects with no other funding sources will likely rank higher than those with other sources. There was discussion on House Bill 403 (See Attached Bill).

Grant Reports:

Conservation Basics: See attached Report.

Chris reported that the invoice reimbursement money is starting to come in. Brandee found out that it is not coming in check form but electronically, so she is trying to watch the account for the money to come in. We had one landowner call and say that he is not able to complete his project in St. Charles. There was discussion on using the money to help another landowner in Geneva. The board discussed the situation and decided they would like to see the money still help a landowner so let's see if DEQ will allow the money movement. Chris will check into it.

Chris told the board that we have multiple grant applications that have come in. Maybe at the next meeting we can go over those and see what will pair well together and which grants we would like to submit for.

Chris also introduced Kip Campbell. He will be coming on board and helping Chris.

District: Brandee told the board that Jenny Teuscher has accepted the job and will start tomorrow. March 21st will be spring division meeting in Malad at 4:30 at the Oneida County Events Center. Brandee will get more information and will need a count for the next meeting.

Vehicles: This discussion has been moved to next month.

Tree Sales: The board wants to send out flyers in the newspaper again. Brandee will see how many flyers we need and get them in the paper.

Financial: Brandee told the board that there is an opportunity to purchase a no till drill from another district. The board looked over the information and had a discussion. It was decided to have Jennifer do some more research on the subject.

Mark made a motion to approve the financial report and to pay for the no till drill if the information that comes back sounds good and with what Jennifer finds out. James 2nd the motion. Motion carried.

Next Meeting: March 4 @1 PM

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