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Bear Lake Soil and Water Conservation District  
Board Meeting Agenda July 17<sup>th</sup>, 2023 @ 1:00 PM  
USDA Service Center, Montpelier, Idaho

**Welcome:** Jennifer welcomed everyone to the meeting.

**Prayer:** Jennifer offered the prayer

**Agency Reports:**

**FSA:** We have been told that Ben Evans will be the acting for FSA in Soda Springs and Bear Lake.

**NRCS:** Cameron presented the attached report.

**Bear Lake County Commissioners:** Rex said that the State Lands MOU is approved but will expire in April 2024, so they have time to come up with funds to appropriate towards it. There is a meeting on August 7<sup>th</sup> for the public to help with ideas about ideas for funds. There will be a new MOU for the next year. Rex said that Kari Ure has accepted the job with the extension office as the extension agent.

**ISWCC:** George said that the districts allocations will be \$8500 for Base and \$6000 for Operations will be coming soon. The state will be transferring to the LUMA system. Match reports are due August 16<sup>th</sup>. Brandee said that she is working. George said that the WQPA program had 49 projects funded. We received 1 this year. WQPA is a year-to-year program so there is no guarantee that there will be funding next year state funding. There were interviews for the Resource Conservationist for ISWCC and it was offered to Brett Ure. He has accepted and we are just waiting for the acceptance letter to be signed.

Cameron asked if Logan called to offer engineering work on his off hours. Brandee said that he did call and he was working on getting his release so that he can do it on his off time from NRCS and help the districts.

**Bloomington Grazing Project:** Kevin Payne presented information on the project. He said that PacifiCorp has decommissioned the plant in Paris Canyon. PacifiCorp had some funds to help Bloomington Grazing with the decommissioning of the plant. Bloomington Grazing has received the approval of the grant but are coming to ask the Conservation District to help manage the money. Steven said that there are 3 pots of money that will be helping the Bloomington Grazing with this project. There were some 319 monies through Oneida District that have helped start this project and now the ECC and PacifiCorp monies that they would like the district to help with. The board discussed the possibilities of managing the money to help Bloomington Grazing.

Devin made a motion to run the funds for the ECC and the PacifiCorp projects with the addition of some administrative pay for the management. James 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Motion carried.

**Grant Updates:**

**Conservation Basics:** Chris gave the report for Conservation Basics. (See attached report) Chris said that maybe we could explore the dairy funds to help with the Eborn dairy project. Chris said that the admins in each district will help turn in the invoices for grants now.

**DMO:** Brandee has talked with some landowners and it sounds like projects are moving along.

**Minutes:** The board went over the minutes report. James made a motion to accept the minutes. Devin 2<sup>nd</sup> the minutes. Motion carried.

**Financial:** The board looked over the financial report. Devin made a motion to accept the financial report. James 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Motion carried.

**Next Meeting:** September 22, 2023 (Tour)

**Adjournment:** Devin made a motion to adjourn. James 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Motion carried.

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