

BEAR LAKE SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT  
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**Prayer:** Quinn said the prayer at lunch before the meeting.

Bear Lake Soil and Water Conservation District  
Board Meeting Agenda for September 22, 2023, at 2 PM  
**Present:** Jennifer Jenson, James Hardcastle, Devin Boehme,  
Brandee Wells, Chris Banks, Steven Smith, George Hitz, Brent  
Ure, Cooper Jensen

**Welcome:** Jennifer Jenson

**Minutes:** James made a motion to approve the minutes. Devin 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion.  
Motion carried.

**Financial report/bills:** Devin made a motion to approve the financial report.  
James 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Motion carried. Devin made a motion to move \$1500 to the  
debit account. James 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Motion carried.

**Agency reports**

**NRCS:** Cooper reminded the board about the Local Work Group Meeting on  
September 27<sup>th</sup> at 10 in Soda Springs.

**Local Workgroup meeting.** September 27<sup>th</sup> at 10 AM in Soda

**FSA: None**

**Bear Lake County Commission: None**

**ISWCC:** George gave an update on ISWCC. Loretta has reviewed the  
Financial and Match Reports and will meet with the DAWG in October. The 2025  
budget has been submitted. They have asked for a 3% increase. That would be  
\$75,400 increase in the amount of funds for Districts, and the increase would

cover some for the ISWCC increase in costs. Then George said that Brent Ure was hired and can introduce himself to the board today.

Brent said that he is excited to get started and that the tour was fun today. The board asked him some questions about himself and learned some about him.

### **Grant updates**

**Conservation Basics, LLC:** Chris told the board that we will have quite a few grants ending this year. He told the board that we have landowners that are working hard to get their projects done before deadlines. He told them that we have some invoices turned in that we are still waiting to be reimbursed for. This has been a long process in the new system and not all the grants went into the new system, some stayed in the old systems.

**District Manager:** Brandee talked about the upcoming meetings and the deadlines to let her know if they are going to the meetings:

**IASCD Annual Conference:** November 7-10, 2023, Boise

**Division V Meeting:** October 19<sup>th</sup>, 4:30 Check-In and 5 Dinner, Fish and Game Office in Pocatello. \$20 a plate.

There was a discussion on the Bloomington Grazing project. Chris said that he had turned in an invoice to Mark but hadn't heard anything back yet. Brandee said that she had tried to call him too and heard nothing back yet. She says that she will work on getting ahold of him.

**Cooperator of the Year:** The Board discussed some ideas of who could be chosen. We will choose a date during the next meeting.

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

**Next Meeting: October 30<sup>th</sup>, 2023.** This will be for our October and November meetings.