

IDAHO SOIL and WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
General Meeting

USDA Service Center, Grangeville

July 11, 2006 6:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

6:10

Scott Wasem

Chairman Scott Wasem called the meeting to order at 6:10. Present: Scott Wasem, Leon Slichter, Ed Stuvenga, Pete Lane, Sydney Yuncevich, Debbie Key, Jessica Wells. Supervisor, Mike Duclos was not present.

NRCS

6:10

Sydney Yuncevich

1. District Staff Reports-Board reviewed staff reports for Richard Spencer, Bob Sandlund, Rich Gribble and Sydney Yuncevich.
2. Farm Bill Program updates-Sydney informed the board that CSP 2006 payments were finished. NRCS staff will soon begin status reviews on 05 CSP contracts.
3. Jess has applied for a temporary job with the NRCS. Richard has not received a list of applicants yet.

MINUTES

6:20

Scott Wasem

June 13, 2006-**Ed moves to accept the minutes for June 13, 2006 with corrections. Pete seconds the motion. No further discussion, vote passes unanimously.**

BILLS REPORT

6:30

Pete Lane

The Sterling Bank CD has been cashed to pay contractual BMP payments. **Leon moves to accept the Bills Report as presented. Ed seconds the motion. No further discussion, vote passes unanimously.**

TREASURER'S REPORT

6:40

Pete Lane

Board reviewed the Treasurer's Report. Due to the large amount of grant money that needs to be spent the board would like phone calls made to inform landowners that money is available.

Ed moves to accept the Treasurers Report as presented. Pete seconds the motion. Discussion: Board discussed writing all new Three Mile/Butcher Creek direct seed contracts like new EQIP contracts; with 3 payment years instead of two.

The board would also like to run an ad for Cottonwood Creek in the papers for at least 3 weeks. **Vote passes unanimously.**

SCC

6:55

Eileen Rowan

1. Staff Reports-Board reviewed staff reports for Eileen Rowan and Bill Lillibridge. **Pete moves to shake all the bushes in order to find producers to use grant money. Leon seconds the motion. Discussion:** Use any form of communication to contact potential applicants. **Vote passes unanimously.**
Leon moves to go on a three year payment for all 3Mile Butcher

Creek contracts. Discussion: Check the contract for language to make sure that you cannot do that. EQIP has three payments. **Motion tabled.**

2. NOAA Grant-Novotny-The board would like Eileen to check into the potential projects that could use NOAA funding. They would be willing to work with Novotny on BMP's such as off stream watering, permanent fencing and reseeding but feel the revetments would be too expensive. Board suggests that you need to work from the top down. Start above Novotny and work downstream

Randy Wells-South Fork, where 3 Mile hits the river, across from it is eroding. The board would like to encourage Eileen to continue researching funding options on Randy Wells' project.

3. Payment Applications-Direct seeding-Eric Wassmuth. Signed and paid between meetings. Jerry Arnzen-SFC-40-Septic System; Scott Wasem-STOC-14-Direct Seed and Wilkins Ag-STOC-10-Direct Seed.

AFO

7:20

Leon Slichter

1. Project Updates-Gill-\$7527.42 was returned to Division II AFO. There is a list of potential AFO's; 7 of them are from Idaho County.
2. Division II AFO Phase III applications-The board needs to review the applications and send them on to Division II AFO. Gary Crea-108 head, \$107/head. Jim Wemhoff-40head/\$453/head. Delmar Wassmuth-135 head at \$321/head.

Leon moves to sign yes on line C of all 3 and wait for Eileen to return to the office; Leon will get together with Eileen next week to further discuss each project. Ed seconds the motion. No further discussion, vote passes unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

7:40

Scott Wasem

1. QuickBooks Online Latah can afford to have their own online contract. It is very expensive which is why the Commission is supplying it for use by all Districts'.

Many Districts approved of QuickBooks online when they thought the SCC had read only access. The District suggests that although there may not be problems now there could be down the road.

Pete pointed out that the contract states that no changes will be made without written consent by Debbie. Board suggests they would be interested in QuickBooks Online only on a read only basis. Debbie will contact Clearwater and Lewis Counties District Administrators too find out what their Boards' opinions are. **No action, board would like to wait and see what happens.**

Ed moves to table a decision on QuickBooks Online. Pete seconds the motion. No further discussion, vote passes unanimously.

2. Budget Report-Was sent in packets. In order for the proposed budget to work Jessica can only work district time 4 hours/month. Debbie would be limited to working district tasks to 15hours/week. Board would like to know how this will work for the staff. Jessica and Debbie are finding routes to allow them to work through this. Board feels badly that the staff has to deal with this issue.

Board suggested that we could track what project monies they have earned this year and invoice them out earlier. After the board is paid they would re-donate it to the District to help with staff costs. Unfortunately the board members have not spent much time this year working on projects.

3. Project Update/ Rapid River Tour-Went well. Board discussed both projects.

NEW BUSINESS

8:10

Scott Wasem

1. 319 SF Cottonwood- Moudy-Septic system-\$5500 bid. Moudy requests that the board increase the allowable costs.
Leon moves to increase the allowable costs for septic systems to pay 75% of actual cost of septic replacement up to an actual total cost of \$5500. Ed seconds the motion. No further discussion, vote passes unanimously.
2. SCC Representative-Jerry Reed used to be the representative on the Commission. Mike heard that Jerry was not informed he would be replaced. Flory was his replacement. Mike suggested that a letter be written to the Commission asking why Mr. Reed was replaced by Mr. Flory. Before a letter is written Scott will contact Jerry and find out the situation.
3. 6th Grade Campout-the question was asked if there was expected concerns by parents about having their children stay at a campground that has a neighboring wolf pack.

ADJOURN

Pete moves to adjourn the meeting at 8:45. Ed seconds the motion. No further discussion, vote passes unanimously.

NEXT GENERAL MEETING

AUG 1ST

6:00 P.M.