

**IDAHO SOIL and WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT**

**General Meeting**

USDA Service Center, Grangeville

September 5, 2006 6:00 p.m.

**CALL TO ORDER**

**6:15**

**Scott Wasem**

Chairman Scott Wasem called the meeting to order at 6:15 pm. Supervisors present : Scott Wasem, Pete Lane, Ed Stuiivenga, and Leon Slichter. Mike Duclos, not present. Also present were, Eileen Rowan, Richard Spencer, and Jessica Wells.

**MINUTES**

**6:15**

**Scott Wasem**

August 1, 2006-**Leon moves to accept minutes with corrections. Ed seconds the motion. No further discussion, vote passes unanimously.**

**BILLS REPORT**

**6:20**

**Pete Lane**

The Board discussed the Bills Report. They would like to have future deposits shown with the splits. **Leon moves to accept the Bills Report as presented, Pete seconds the motion. No further discussion, vote passes unanimously.**

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

**6:25**

**Pete Lane**

**Pete moves to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented. Leon seconds the motion. No further discussion, vote passes unanimously.**

**SCC**

**6:35**

**Eileen Rowan**

1. Staff Reports-Board reviewed staff reports for Eileen Rowan and Bill Lillibridge.
2. Project updates-Eileen dispersed a summary of projects. She put together a project proposal for the South Fork Clearwater River for WQPA funding. The total amount of the proposal is \$2,886,254.20, with a possible administration being \$262,386.75. The board would like a note that if it can't be used in the sub-watershed it can be used in the main watershed. She used the current cost share list. Pete would like to figure out a way to make project money more desirable to producers, and to look at aggressive advertising. **Leon moves to accept Eileen's proposal for the South Fork Clearwater River. Ed seconds the motion. No further discussion, vote passes unanimously.**
  - **Tonda VonBargen**-Septic System. **Leon moves to approve and sign the payment request in the amount of \$3975. 50. Pete seconded the motion. No further discussion, vote passes unanimously.**
  - **Gary Crea**-After a discussion with Bob Sandlund about Gary's EQIP project, Eileen believes the request to be the same work and will not proceed.
  - **Bob Rylaarsdam**-modification-The stream is not adequate to fill a trough with the number of cows that need to have access. Bob is requesting to remove the spring development and add a well and pump. The additional cost share request would be \$10,000. No residence is located at this location. **Leon moves to do approve the modification to install well and pump. Pete seconds the motion. No further discussion, Ed abstains from voting due to conflict of interest, motion passes unanimously.**
  - **Daryl Newman**-Stites cattle operation-Cottonwood WQPA. \$603/head. The project would consist of permanent electric fence on all 6 lots with a 50 foot buffer from edge of creek (bank full width), pipeline, heavy use concrete pads, 2 wells, 2 pumps (one well and one pump will possibly be funded by the tribe), 280 cows will be wintered there. The board has concerns that there are no berms, which means no confinement, they feel they need a better plan that will prevent EPA from fining the operation. The Board would love to help but they can't support the plan as presented. Richard suggests going on site and looking at the project site. The Board would like Eileen to contact Bill

Lillibridge so they make a Saturday or afternoon trip to the site.

- Andy Kaschmitter-2 contracts, one on 3-Mile, the other on Cottonwood Creek. Both contracts are pasture and hayland plantings. Bill has not been on site; until Bill gets there the rest of the planning can not be completed. **Leon moves to approve and sign both contracts. Ed seconds the motion. No further discussion, vote passes unanimously.**
- Bill Spencer-The contract consists of pasture and hayland planting on 73 acres. **Leon moves to approve and sign the contract. Ed seconds the motion. No further discussion, vote passes unanimously.**
- **Leon moves to support well drilling up to the cost share limit of the current cost list on any well drilling. If there is a dry hole and a landowner wants to continue to drill until they find water, it will be at their expense after reaching water they can come to the board and request further funding. Funding will depend on availability and circumstances. Ed seconds the motion. No further discussion, vote passes unanimously.**
- Pat Frei-Division II AFO funding proposal, for a trough, pipe and a well for his summer pasture. His application was signed 8/1/06 to be sent in for consideration in the second group of applications. The Board filled out project sheets and will forward the project on for AFO committee approval. The project cost is \$775/head.

Eileen left the meeting at 7:55.

### NRCS

7:55

**Richard Spencer**

1. District Staff Reports-Board reviewed reports for Richard Spencer, Bob Sandlund, Rich Gribble and Sydney Yunchevich.
2. Farm Bill Program updates/CSP-a contractor was hired to do range and pasture checks. Barry Nord, NRCS, is also doing range evaluations. Most people are meeting the minimum of Category C. Computer input help will be coming from Lewis and Latah Counties. Kelly Olson is also helping. All program participants have been contacted by letters and phone. CRP-Jessica has put together plans as a NRCS-Technical Service Provider for the Farm Service Agency. Due to CSP other programs such as EQIP have been neglected.

Richard left the meeting at 8:20.

### OLD BUSINESS

8:20

**Scott Wasem**

1. Quickbooks Online update-As of Friday September 1, QuickBooks online is set up and usable. Leon spoke with Sharon Kinzer, SCC is considering buying each District QuickBooks online the state would get administrative privilege.
2. Jerry Reed Update-board has no updates and would like to drop this topic and talk to Jerry Nicolescu privately.
3. 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Campout-Scott will present on the 15<sup>th</sup>. Need to figure out the rest of the presenters times. Dan Stewart needs to be asked for a classroom presentation for water quality as Richard does not have the time available.
4. Elections-Appoint Election Official-ask Kathie Shea what Appoint Election official means?
5. Staff Changes-Talking to Ken Stinson he suggested that temporarily the District approach Lewis and Clearwater Counties to do contracting. Leon spoke to Sharon Kinzer, she currently works 4-10's she would be willing to help on a temporary schedule. She would have to get approval of her board they meet on the 11<sup>th</sup>. The board would like a letter sent to those who applied for the position that states "For the time being no one is going to be hired, we will keep your resume on file. We appreciate you taking the time to apply." The board discussed Jessica continuing to do work for the District, 8 – 10 hours per week at a higher rate until October 1<sup>st</sup> when her NRCS position ends.
6. Annual Audit- The audit is being worked on, a draft copy should be received sometime next week for review before it is sent to the printer's office.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**8:30**

**Scott Wasem**

1. Approve and sign CRP contracts-board signed all CRP contracts.
2. FSA changes/Party-Charlotte’s party will be September 30<sup>th</sup>.
3. Tree Program-to have or not to have-Board would like to do it with the disclaimer that program can be cancelled, all money will be returned. Put catalog together to be ready.
4. Fall Division II Meeting-topics you would like?-
5. Partnership Program-Email from Janet Hohle **Leon moves to participate in Janet’s proposal. Ed seconds the motion. No further discussion, vote passes unanimously.**
6. National survey-no-till-Board suggests that if there is time do it, if not don’t
7. Newsletter-Put it online, put notice on the bulletin board and in the Ag. section of the newspapers that says available online.

Pete left at 9am

8. UCCF-Kamiah Career field day -no one will be attending.

**UPCOMING MEETINGS**

6 <sup>th</sup> Grade Campout	Sept 12-14
Division II Meeting-Lewiston	October 17
IASCD Conference	Nov 12-15

**ADJOURN**

**Leon moves to adjourn the meeting at 9:10. Ed seconds the motion. No further discussion, vote passes unanimously.**

**NEXT GENERAL MEETING**

**OCT. 4TH**

**6:00 P.M.**