

**IDAHO SOIL and WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
General Meeting**

USDA Service Center, Grangeville

August 1, 2006 6:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

6:12

Scott Wasem

Chairman Scott Wasem called the meeting to order at 6:12. Supervisors present: Scott Wasem, Leon Slichter and Pete Lane. Supervisors absent: Mike Duclos and Ed Stuvenga. Also present were Debbie Key, Jessica Wells and Bob Sandlund.

MINUTES

6:15

Scott Wasem

July 11, 2006-**Leon moves to accept the July 11, 2006 minutes as presented. Pete seconds the motion. Discussion:** The board would like Debbie to check to determine if it is legal to amend minutes from the past that have already been approved? **Vote passes unanimously.**

BILLS REPORT

6:20

Pete Lane

Leon asked how many times the articles for Division II AFO were run. The ads ran twice in each publication.

Leon moves to accept Bills as presented. Pete seconds the motion. No further discussion, vote passes unanimously.

TREASURER'S REPORT

6:22

Pete Lane

Leon questioned the amount of money still available in the Rapid River grant and asked if it would be used. Jessica explained that in August, Dana Weigel will go onsite with a NOAA engineer to determine if any adjustments need to be made; if so the money left in the grant will be used to pay a contractor.

Debbie informed the board that the state allocation has been received.

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

NRCS

6:30

Bob Sandlund

1. District Staff Reports-Board reviewed staff reports for Bob Sandlund, Rich Gribble and Sydney Yuncevich. There was no report for Richard Spencer, whom is on vacation.
2. Farm Bill Program updates-CSP-The modification period for 2005 contract holders started today and will continue through September 15th. There will be no extensions on the signup dates because Protracts will be shut down on the 15th. Bob explained how the modification process will work this year. Whether or not contracts will be paid in full or prorated will not be determined until the national budget passes. If contracts are prorated only the modification additions will be prorated. Those contract holders that are already Tier 3 or those moving to Tier 3 will be treated substantially better. Only Tier 3 participants and those moving to Tier 3 can add newly acquired lands and enhancements. If you are at Tier 1 and want to move to Tier 2 the contract can be extended 5 more years, which causes the cap to increase, the only payment added will be the Existing Practice Payments (EPP) and Stewardship Payment (SP). A significant issue will arise for those contracts that have feeding operations and wish to move to Tier 3. Bob feels that most people that have a

lot feeding system will probably have difficulty reaching Tier 3. Requirements for feed lots are no visible signs of erosion, no point contamination source. The State, District and Division have worked with landowners that have been told they are ok; however, they may not reach NRCS criteria. There may be 53 contracts that have range and pasture lands that need to be field checked to determine category placement. NRCS may pay a company named CINERGY to do contracting for field checks.

Next week there will be training for Division II staff to make determinations of eligibility concerning CSP AFO situations.

SCC

7:12

Debbie Key

1. Staff Reports-Board reviewed staff reports for Eileen Rowan and Bill Lillibridge
2. Payment Application-STOC-7, Dale Wemhoff, Direct Seed. Approved and signed at the meeting. Leon moves to approve and sign STOC-7. Pete seconds the motion. No further discussion, vote passes unanimously.
3. Project Updates-Board reviewed the color coded projects sheet that Eileen printed describing current projects and their funding sources.
4. SVAP/WQPA-Eileen feels the SVAP was very successful a lot of good information was collected. Eileen does not feel that both Idaho and Lewis should apply together for a WQPA grant on Lawyers Watershed. She feels it would be better for each of them to have their own WQPA contracts. The board is in agreement with this statement.

OLD BUSINESS

7:00

Scott Wasem

1. QuickBooks Online update-Debbie passed out an email from Kathie Shea to the board describing other Divisions opinions about QuickBooks. The board stated that if they chose to go online they would like to add a disclaimer that they are not 100% in favor of the current setup.

Leon moves to accept moving to QuickBooks online. Pete seconds the motion. Discussion: Debbie gave each board member the contract to review. With the budget the board realizes they can not afford QuickBooks upkeep on their own. **Vote passes unanimously.**

2. Money Market Accounts-Sterling Bank gave the District a printout of available account types. There would be a money market account and a checking account. Money could be transferred in person, online or by phone from one account to the other. Possibly put Butcher Creek/Three Mile and Cottonwood Creek into money markets. A minimum of \$50,000 is needed to get to 4.45%. A minimum of \$5000 is needed to prevent a monthly fee from being charged. **Leon moves to have the two larger accounts placed into two separate money market accounts. Pete seconds the motion. Vote passes after a lengthy discussion.**
3. Jerry Reed Update-Scott talked to Jerry who is not completely sure what happened. The Governor wanted to see more Democrats on the Commission. Jerry is an Independent. Jerry said he did not know he was being replaced; there were two unfilled positions for several years. They did not have the courtesy to call him to let him know his position was replaced. He was calling to get information when the secretary asked why he was calling because he was no longer part of the organization. Jerry said it doesn't matter whether the District

writes a letter. The board feels this situation needs to be brought up to the Division. The District would like a letter sent to Ken asking him to add it to the next Division II meeting in October.

4. 6th Grade Campout

Pete Lane

September 19th-21st—NRCS will still be in CSP. Pete will come in next week to go over classroom presenters with Debbie. Pete spoke to Roy Kinner, local Fish and Game who is willing to speak to any anxious parents about wolf issues.

NEW BUSINESS

8:15

Scott Wasem

1. Elections-Appoint Election Official-Leon and Mike are up for re-election. Mike is not going to run again. He is currently looking for a replacement. Leon will be running again. The board will also talk to Bob Rylaarsdam and Doug Boggan about their positions on the board.
2. Cottonwood I Septic-Von Bargen-\$5250 was the bid the VonBargens received. **Leon moves to approve paying a percentage of actual project cost. Pete seconds the motion. No further discussion, vote passes unanimously. The board will also sign the pre-approved Moudy contract.**
3. Staff Changes-Debbie's last day will be August 18th. Jessica currently has a WAE with NRCS and is working one day a week for BLM. The board will run a temporary-part time job advertisement. Jessica received word that she can assist the District until someone is hired. The board would also like Debbie to check into Express Services and see if they have a temp. Debbie pointed out that a person who is looking for flexibility in hours; interesting variable work would do well. Debbie suggests that running that job is not a bad idea so that the board does not end up high and dry. Debbie needs to check job services to determine if there are temps available.
4. Annual Audit-The cost of the audit will be increasing from \$1,975 to \$3,150. Each grant will have to give a percentage of the audit cost. The board will sign both copies of the letter to have Presnell & Gage finish the audit.
5. IASCD Conference-Pocatello-No one will be attending.
6. Bill Spencer-pasture reseeding. He took the contract home to read it. He will bring it back after reviewing and signing.

ADJOURN

Leon moves to adjourn the meeting at 9pm. Pete seconds the motion. No further discussion, vote passes unanimously.

NEXT GENERAL MEETING

SEPT 5TH

6:00 P.M.