

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

USDA Service Center, Grangeville

January 3, 2007 5:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

5:00

Scott Wasem

Chairman Scott Wasem called the meeting to order at 5:05. Present Ed Stuvenga, Pete Lane, Scott Wasem, Tom Gehring, Joel Wasem (auditing for a class), and Jessica Wells. Leon Slichter (5:10), Richard Spencer (5:35-8:05), Hans Kok (5:40-7:40), Ken Hart David Rauzi (5:55-8)

MOTION TO INDUCT NEW BOARD MEMBER

5:00

Scott Wasem

Pete moves to appoint Tom Gehring as a new board member. Ed seconds the motion, no further discussion, vote passes unanimously.

MINUTES

5:05

Scott Wasem

October 31, 2006-**Pete moves to accept the October minutes as presented. Ed seconds the motion. No further discussion, vote passes unanimously.**

December 6, 2006-**Ed moves to approve the December 6, 2006 minutes with changes. Pete seconds the motion. No further discussion, vote passes unanimously.**

BILLS REPORT

5:10

Scott Wasem

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

TREASURER'S REPORT

5:15

Scott Wasem

Jessica explained how the Treasurer's Report tracked the different account types and grants.

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

OLD BUSINESS

5:25

Scott Wasem

1. Audit 07-call for bids-Jessica's goal is to get a bid in the papers by January 8th.
2. 07 Grazing Conference-Will be held January 25th. Tom will speak on a panel as well as give the producers prospective. The theme is "Making Grazing Pay".
3. PNDSA Membership Renewal-Scott explained that we have paid this every year since 2002. Board asked what they get done every year. They are a lobby group that is doing a lot of carbon sequestration and bringing new ideas to the members.

Leon moves to continue our membership with the PNDSA; take it out of grant I&E money. Ed seconds the motion. No further discussion, vote passes unanimously.

4. County Allocations/County Commissioners-The Commissioners allocated the full \$6,000 that we requested. They were invited to this board meeting.

5. Old District Computer-The computer can not be tied into the NRCS system any longer. It was disconnected on 12/29/06. Jessica will check to see if the old computer can access the internet through the buildings phone line. Currently Scott is able to access internet through the District's account. Discussion about different internet companies and pros and cons.

NEW BUSINESS

5:35

Scott Wasem

1. Mileage Rates-State mileage is \$0.45/mile as of January 1, 2007. **Leon moves to use the current state mileage rate and change whenever it does; then this topic will not have to be revisited every time the rate changes. Ed seconds the motion. No further discussion, vote passes unanimously.**
2. 319 CC Phase II-Grant extension-We have applied for an extension of the grant to December 31, 2007.
3. Annual Work Plan/FY Budget meetings-January 17th, 9am.
4. Report of Accomplishments-**Leon moves to finish board business later in the meeting and move to the speakers at 5:55. Tom seconds the motion. No further discussion, vote passes unanimously.**

INTRODUCTIONS

6:00

Scott Wasem

Chairman Scott Wasem started the introductions.

PRESENTATIONS

6:20

Dr. Hans Kok

Dr Hans Kok, University of Idaho and Washington State University Professor gave a presentation about the Direct Seed Mentoring Program (Information Sheet available upon request).

7:05

Ken Hart

Ken Hart, University of Idaho Extension Agent for Idaho and Lewis Counties gave a presentation about the STEEP proposal that he has turned in for funding (Proposal available upon request).

Ken discussed the Crop Tour; he wants to make the District a full partner in the tour. Typically it is the last week of June to first week of July. He would like to work with the district to see what they like to include in the tour.

NRCS

7:40

Richard Spencer

1. District Staff Reports- Board reviewed staff reports for Richard Spencer and Richard Gribble.
2. Farm Bill Program updates- CSP payments, field verifications will be done in February. Handout attached to RS report that gives dollars spent. Producers are doing a lot of work to meet standards. 100 contracts are left to certify. Feb 1st is the deadline to get it done. Some EQIP applications.

SCC

8:00

Jessica Wells

1. Staff Reports-Board reviewed reports for Eileen Rowan and Bill Lillibridge. Scott mentioned that he drove up BB Creek and saw that Norman Lee is still feeding in the creek. Bill is aware of this and has discussed this concern with Lee.
2. Payments-AFO-11 (will be forwarded on to Division II AFO for payment), STOC-17, Kent Rad, No till. Scott mentioned that he drove past BB Creek and saw that Norman Lee is still feeding in the creek. Bill is aware of this and has had a discussion with Norman. **Leon moves to sign the payment application for AFO-11 with an understanding of above discussion. Ed seconds the motion. No further discussion, vote passes unanimously.**
Leon moves to sign the payment application for STOC-17 (Kent Rad, no till). Pete seconds the motion. No further discussion, vote passes unanimously.
3. POW for Lawyer's Creek & SFCR Projects- Pat Frei has submitted a contract for

Lawyer's Creek funding, tabled to the January 17th meeting.

Pete motions to approve the SFCR and Lawyer's Creek Plan of Works. Tom seconds the motion. Discussion: Cost-list leaves the opportunity to change it as needed. If board sees a need to move dollars around it is allowable. Flexibility is built in. **Vote passes unanimously.**

4. Review 07 proposed activities for Eileen Rowan-Board reviewed, looks fine.

New Business cont'd

8:15

Scott Wasem

5. Officer Elections-**Pete moves to leave officers the same and appoint Ed to the role of District Secretary. Leon seconds the motion.** Discussion: Ed is willing to accept this position. **No further discussion, vote passes unanimously.**

6. Board Picture-Tabled to next meeting

Email from Cody Anderson regarding Quick Books-Board feels this is not an issue for this District. Our concerns have been addressed QB Online is working well for our needs.

7. Unemployment –

Leon moves to go into Executive Session pursuant to Idaho Code 67-235 to discuss employee related matters. Ed seconds the motion. No further discussion, vote passes unanimously. Executive Session begins at 8:20. Roll call vote: Scott (yes), Leon (yes), Pete (yes), Ed (yes), Tom (yes).

Leon moves to exit Executive Session at 8:40. No further discussion, vote passes unanimously. Roll call vote: Scott (yes), Leon (yes), Pete (yes), Ed (yes), Tom (yes).

Leon moves to have Jessica follow-up on moving to the experienced rate as of January 1, 2007 for unemployment compensation. Ed seconds the motion. No further discussion, vote passes unanimously.

Ed moves to have supervisors become contractors. Leon seconds the motion. No further discussion, vote passes unanimously.

8. Margaret Riley -has approached Scott to let him know she is currently available to help with grants.

9. Accountant-Scott spoke to Dale Stubbers wife, Jeanne about possibly doing some of the accounting for the District from her home. This issue will be discussed at the next meeting

ADJOURN

Leon moves to have Jessica research printers for review by the board at the January 17th special meeting. Ed seconds the motion. No further discussion, vote passes unanimously.

Ed moves to adjourn the meeting at 9:05. Tom seconds the motion. No further discussion, vote passes unanimously.

NEXT GENERAL MEETING

FEB 3

5:00 P.M.