

## IDAHO SOIL and WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT GENERAL MEETING

USDA Service Center, 83 Highway 95 N, Grangeville, ID 83530 Wednesday, January 9, 2007 5:00 P.M.

### CALL TO ORDER

5:00 P.M.

Scott Wasem

Scott Wasem called the meeting to order at 5:12. Members present Leon Slichter, Pete Lane, Tom Gehring, Ed Stuivenga arrived at 5:32.

Others present: Richard Spencer-NRCS, Jessica Wells-IASCD, Eileen Rowan-ISCC, Stefanie Bowman-ISWCD.

### MINUTES

5:10 P.M.

Scott Wasem

December 12, 2007 minutes-Leon moved to approve the minutes with corrections, Tom seconded. Motion carried.

### TREASURER'S REPORT

5:30 P.M.

Scott Wasem

It was discussed moving the money from CCI WQPA \$5,117.10 into a CD or what to do with it. Also moving it into a separate account, check into Money Markets and CD's. Leon moved to deposit it into a closeout account. Tom seconded. Motion carried.

Closing of the Money Market Account. Leon moved to close Money Market Account. Tom Seconded. Motion carried.

### BILLS REPORT

5:40 P.M.

Scott Wasem

Leon moved to accept the bills as presented. Ed seconded. Motion carried.

Tom made a motion to transfer Ed & Pete's mileage and reimbursement checks into the closeout account. Leon Seconded. Motion Carried.

### SCC

6:00 P.M.

Jessica Wells

#### **Staff Reports-see attached**

Eileen and Jess presented the payment applications and status reviews for the producers.

**Bob Rylaarsdam**-Eileen read the letter that she had prepared for the board. Tom suggested a letter stating what else needs to be completed and have a form that he signs agreeing that he will have them done this spring. We could remove the pipeline and the fence from the payment application, and pay the line items that are complete.

**Doug Boggan**-asked that we change the original proposal from the AFO committee from a spring development to a well. The request from the AFO committee would be \$20,700. Now \$138.00 per head, it was \$38.00 per head. Wants to change from a spring development to a well because the spring is dry and there are water rights issues. The board completed a new evaluation sheet for Doug Boggan. What is the protocol for drilling wells when the wells are dry. How many wells will the board pay to drill? Division II AFO will pay the budget amount for a dry well. The board will pay 75% of the \$12,500, on a dry hole.

**Lower Salmon Grant**-Is the board intending to buy new operating equipment, computers, etc. Jess suggested a wheel and a rod. Leon suggested a GPS, Eileen said it wouldn't hurt for the district to have a GPS unit. \$700.00 for a GPS and \$500.00 for a digital camera, travel \$5,000. Leon went over some suggestions for changes and additions to the grant application. Tom suggested checking into fire grant money and see if there is any available. There is a potential for money from EQIP.

Leon made a motion to set the travel at \$5,000. Ed Seconded. Motion approved

**Steve Sonnen**-new producer-continued discussion from December 12<sup>th</sup>, 2007 meeting. Would like some help in doing no-till and pasture and direct seed.

Leon made a motion to approve a new contract for Steve Sonnen. Tom seconded. Motion carried.

### NRCS

7:10 P.M.

Richard Spencer

#### **Staff Reports-see attached**

1. CSP Workshop-February or March. Record keeping problems. Would like to do a workshop on record keeping. Could use some admin money to help with this. Producers are having issues filling out paperwork correctly. Sydney typed up a form for Grazing Management. Possibly 4 workshops, with a possibility of 45 producers per workshop. Tom suggested; Primeland has one big meeting and it is on the 12<sup>th</sup> of February in Greencreek. Also, McGregors has one that is in Grangeville. Richard is not sure that would be a good idea, because not all of the attendees are in the CSP program. Richard is thinking of having the meetings at just one location, need to have a place that would hold up to 40+ people.
2. CSP-as of 1-9-08 they are 61% complete on interviews and payments.
3. EQIP-8 applications. Most of those are timber. Deadline is coming up.
4. New State Acting Conservationist-Rick Noble

5. Roger Wemhoff-purchased a new drill for pasture renovation. He will do custom work. Richard suggested to him that he bring in a business card
6. There is a possibility that we may have to move out of this building. If we could come to a settlement with the building owner, we would stay in the office until 2011.
7. Richard would like the board to consider females and minorities for board members in the upcoming elections.
8. MOU Review-Richard suggested that the board spend more time on this.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**8:00 P.M.**

**Scott Wasem**

1. Unemployment \$ 341.24 –Scott. Will bring a check in to pay this back to the district.
2. Tree Catalog-Stefanie presented the number of trees sold and the dollar amount of the total sales to date.
3. Draft of the Cooperative Working Agreement-will spend more time on this.
4. Added Jess to QuickBooks with a report only account. **Leon Made a motion to add Jessica to QB account, with a report only account. Pete Seconded. Motion carried.**

**NEW BUSINESS**

**8:45 P.M.**

**Scott Wasem**

1. Board Member elections-Pete will probably not run, he may change his mind. Randy Mosier is a possibility for his replacement. Scott will run again. Ed may or may not run again.
2. Lyle Neal-Mailing List-could possibly send him the list of conference attendees, but not the district list. See about having a space for advertisement on the website, where the vendors would pay to advertise.
3. Clearwater RC&D Contribution-pay 90.00 again this year
4. IASCD Envirothon-pay \$50.00
5. Direct Seed Membership \$100

**Leon made a motion to pay all three of the above contributions. Ed Seconded. Motion carried**

6. State mileage rate increase from \$.485 to \$.505
7. Relay for Life donations-relate to vendors to see if we can get some donated to us. **Leon made a motion to approve donating some seedlings. Tom seconded. Motion carried.**
8. District Chairs-Leon will take the District chairs. He will pay \$50.00 per chair and it will go to the Idaho Ag in the classroom membership.
9. WAG Meeting find out what date and time and let Ed know.
10. Idaho Ag in the Classroom \$100.00 **Leon made a motion to pay the Idaho Ag in the Classroom. Pete seconded. Motion carried.**

Offices stay same. **Tom made motion to retain positions held**, Pete said Tom should be treasurer, since he will be leaving. **Scott made a change to the motion to include: Tom will take the position of treasurer, and Pete will be a member. Ed seconded. Motion carried.**

**Adjourn**

**8:30 P.M.**

**NEXT GENERAL MEETING**

**Wednesday, February 6th, 2008 5:00 P.M.**

The Idaho Soil and Water Conservation District may also hold an executive session pursuant to Idaho Code 67-2345.

Note: Order of agenda topics is subject to change.