

IDAHO SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT GENERAL MEETING

USDA Service Center, 83 Highway 95 N, Grangeville, ID 83530 Wednesday, November 5, 2008 5:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER

5:05 P.M.

Scott Wasem

Scott Wasem called the meeting to order at 5:10 p.m. In attendance were Tom Gehring, Pete Lane, Leon Slichter and Ed Stuivenga. Others present were Eileen Rowan-ISCC, Richard Spencer-NRCS, Stefanie Bowman-IDSWCD.

MINUTES

5:15 P.M.

Scott Wasem

Discussion occurred regarding the letter that was sent out to the Fertilizer companies. There will be a letter sent out to all of our producers regarding the same content in the fertilizer companies' letter. It will outline what the requirements are for taking soil tests and fertilizing procedures.

October 3, 2008- Leon made a motion to approve the minutes with corrections. Pete seconded. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S/BILLS REPORT

5:25 P.M.

Scott Wasem

Leon made a motion to go ahead and pre-approve Lenore Hill's check when the bill comes in. Pete seconded. Motion carried.

Leon made a motion to approve treasurer's report and bills report as presented. Tom seconded. Motion carried.

IASCD & ISCC

6:00 P.M.

Jessica Wells

Staff Reports-

Andy Kaschmitter-Bob Sandlund went and looked at Andy Kaschmitter's seeding by Denver. Andy planted the field in mid to late June of 07. There was very little of what he planted growing. It was infested with cheat grass and ventenata. This fall he burned and next spring with herbicides and some tillage he needs to reseed it. He wanted to know about getting re-cost shared on it. Bob's opinion of why the seeding failed was because he seeded it to late. The main problem was that the seeding plan did not have an actual date on it. Most seeding plans have a date of May 20th. There was some valid confusion, this was not the seeding plans or Andy's fault. Bob doesn't think that Andy was aware of how critical it is to get it done at the proper time. Bob's feeling is that the board should give Andy another chance to reseed this field, and follow him a lot more closely to make sure it is done properly. He did use good seed. Everything that was done was fine, except for the date of the seeding. The seed bed was fairly good, but Bob couldn't tell for sure, because it had been about 2 years. The burn didn't get a whole lot of the mat, but it did clean up the field pretty well. Could he harrow it this fall? Bob doesn't know if this would do much good to help the seeds sprout. He doesn't think Andy will have to do much cultivating or disking next year in the spring. He will be seeding it with a grain drill. The soil conditions will allow a conventional drill to go through. Bob has seen alfalfa seeding done at a later date and get some good stands, but not with grasses. There is also an option to seed in the fall by dormant seeding. Grass seed germinates at 45 degrees soil temperature. Fall seedings are not as good as the spring seedings. If done in the fall, ventenata and cheat grass will have a large head start on the grass seed. This field has a history of crop on it. If the seed beds are cleaned up properly, there is a good chance that there will be a good stand. There are 131 acres that need to be re-seeded. In the seeding plan, the new seeding will not be grazed until the plants are 12" in height. Generally this type of growth is not seen in the new seedings, so they wouldn't graze it until the following year. Once they get over 12" high there is a pretty good root system. The seed recommendation is going to be more Tuscany and Brome. There is actually only one chance to get a good seed bed. Andy will have about \$15 per acre or more in roundup.

Leon made a motion to cost share 75% of the chemical and the seed with the costs decided next spring and that he seeds per the recommendations of Bob Sandlund and by the recommendation of the CCA for his chemicals. Ed seconded. Motion carried.

Cost share list discussion. See updated cost share list. Added a line item for extremely rocky conditions. We should make note of the conditions of the area for the pipeline in the contract before it was signed. Eileen doubled the amount of the PE pipeline for the extremely rocky conditions. These costs include the labor. The specs say that the pipe has to be bedded by fine gravel and so this increases their costs, especially if they are in an extremely rocky area. The bedding is required to be small, because there is a constant vibration in the lines and they will move. If there is a pointed rock, it will eventually rub a hole into the pipeline. Scott suggested that Eileen update the cost list quarterly.

Leon made a motion to approve the updated cost list, on the understanding that it be amended and changed as needed. Pete seconded. Motion carried.

Darrel Newman is still working on his project. The only condition that he keep working, was that he keep a trench open so that the state archaeologist can come and look for artifacts.

Payment Applications

AFO-26-\$3,384.00 on the trough, spring, and pipeline. This is gravity fed out of a spring.

AFO-16 –pipeline and troughs, with a pad. \$8,499.00

STOC-21 – no till rotational 40% cost share. \$3,462.00

SFCR-01 – Pipeline, heavy use, troughs. \$3,424.00

STOC-15 – no till \$900.00

SFCR-08 – 190 ft of access road \$735.00

Modification –Greg Arnzen. For the 1st diversion change to a roof runoff system for that side of the shed, instead of an earth diversion. The water for that area on the side with the roof runoff mainly comes off of the roof. He already has 3 roof runoff systems in his contract. The roof runoff from the barn is dumped into the creek.

For the 2nd diversion, change from an earth diversion to a diversion pipe that outlets 30 feet from creek - has grass to filter through before reaching the creek. There would be a riser as an inlet to the pipe. All pipe will be buried. Cattle will walk over the buried pipe - but have no access to the outlet area. There is a filter strip in the area of the creek that is 25' and there is no berm. There are 35 head of feeder cattle in each lot. Diversion pipeline is 8", the gutter pipeline would be 4". Eileen said she had re-designed the plan numerous times. Could put perforated pipe or put a "Y" into it so that the water is diffused in different areas. There should be far less water coming out of the diversion system from the Hickenbottom because of the roof runoff systems.

Leon made a motion to accept the proposed modification. Ed seconded. Motion carried.

Steve Pratt – trough, with extra rock around it per Eileen's recommendations, two culverts. Should have put in at least 24"- 30" culverts but it is 18" He was told 4-5 months ago that he had to have things inspected and pre-approved or he would not be cost shared on. These culverts were not inspected, designed or approved by Eileen, Bill or Jess, hence, no payment.

Leon made a motion to pay for the troughs but not the culverts. Ed seconded. Motion carried.

NRCS 7:05 P.M. Richard Spencer

Reports- Richard covered what was included in his reports. Dick Johnson talked with NRCS regarding ventenata and cheat grass. Bob has been talking about trying some trials. CSP payments. Discussed the office moving options. The move will be completed within 120 days from the time the bid is awarded.

OLD BUSINESS 7:30 P.M. Scott Wasem

Leon made a motion to pursue the District website with Mary Mangold. Ed seconded. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS 8:00 P.M. Scott Wasem

Leon made a motion to keep the prices for poster contest awards the same as the previous year. Tom seconded. Motion carried.

ADJOURN 8:15 P.M.

Pete made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Tom seconded. Motion carried.

NEXT GENERAL MEETING

Wednesday December 3, 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.