

IDAHO SOIL and WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT GENERAL MEETING
USDA Service Center, 83 Highway 95 N, Grangeville, ID 83530 Wednesday December 3, 2008 3:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER

3:40 P.M.

Scott Wasem

Scott Wasem called the meeting to order at 3:40 p.m. In attendance were Tom Gehring and Leon Slichter, and Ed Stuvenga. Pete Lane arrived at 3:50 p.m. Others present were Jessica Wells-IASCD, Richard Spencer-NRCS, Stefanie Bowman-IDSWCD, Eileen Rowan-ISCC, Bill Lillibridge-ISCC and Tom Seubert.

IASCD/SCC

LAW-10

Bill Lillibridge, Jessica Wells and Eileen Rowan have checked on this project multiple times. There have been several issues they have been trying to work through. The fence is too close to the creek in places (10-15 feet), it should have been 35 feet minimum from the creek all the way. Is the board okay with the fence being so close to the creek in some places? Some places are up to 50 feet away from the creek. The producer has adjusted the spacing on the wires to match the requirements. The participant is putting the fence in because of his CSP contract. He is Tier II now, and has to have stream bank cover to qualify for that specific Tier. CSP does not have setback requirements. The designed setback was to prevent stream bank erosion. Eileen is wanting to know if what was installed will meet the Districts expectations. They have already discussed this with Richard. Producer is aware of the fact that he may have to move the fence. Bill commented that all of the NRCS standards and specifications have been developed on experience and risk analysis. They have found that the narrower the bank the greater possibility that it will fail. So the bigger it is there will be more of a buffer. The closest place of the fence to the creek is on the steepest slope. The ground has pretty deep soil. There is 1285' of fence. The total cost share for the fence is \$4.50/foot. This is a steel post fence, with some railroad ties in it. When Bill and Eileen found the issues with the wire spacing, they admit that they should have paid more attention to the distance of the fence from the creek. Suggestion was made to have producer move the 152' of fence that is only 12' from the creek, then we can cost share with him.

Leon made a motion to move those two sections of the fence that will get the required 35' distance from the high water mark. Ed seconded. Discussion followed. Ed said that the producer can move a couple of corners and he will end up having to add a few posts in different places. Producer is building his corners out of railroad ties. Bill said that the producer is actually going to have to add a corner. The big thing is going to make sure that the producer does what actually needs to be done and make sure it is done correctly. **Motion carried.**

Modification-Crossing had been planned as barbed wire. Producer would like to go to the tubular panels, he has already purchased them. They are \$96.00. The fences will be checked for up to 20 years as it was noted it will be a permanent fence. He has to have an 8" post every 12', with it buried at a 3' depth, this fence will take 15-20 panels.

Leon made a motion to approve this modification, making sure that producer knows this will be permanent. Tom seconded. Motion carried.

MINUTES

4:20 P.M.

Scott Wasem

November 5, 2008-**Leon made a motion to approve the minutes with corrections. Ed seconded. Motion carried.**

TREASURER'S/BILLS REPORT

4:30 P.M.

Scott Wasem

Pete made a motion to approve treasurer's report and Bills Report as presented. Tom seconded. Motion carried.

IASCD & ISCC -Continuance

5:00 P.M.

Jessica Wells

Staff Reports-

Law-10-Pipeline, spring development, trough, pads \$7,735.64

SFCR-15-Annual Status review

TB-02-corrall fence, access, road, pipeline \$9,033.34

SFCR-01-modification and status review. The need for the modification is because this contract ends in December.

STOC-04 – modification - one contract expired. There are payments remaining of \$10,582.00. This is the one he had to pay back on. Get an extension, so that we are in compliance with the state.

STOC-20 – need an extension, but all that is left is non-cost share.

Ed Made a motion to extend the contract for STOC-04 and STOC-20. Pete seconded. Motion carried

LAW-10-direct seed \$12,348.75. NRCS now requires a RUSLE run to certify this practice, it checked out okay.

Leon made a motion to pay the payment application. Ed seconded. Motion carried.

SFCR-05-corrall fence and barb fence. \$4,907.02

SFCR-09, LAW-17, Status review

SFCR- fence panels were ordered, but the dealer never called them. So they did get them completed.

STOC-22-Modification contracts ends this month, extend another year. After Jess talks with the plumber to get an invoice sorted out, will the board approve to approve the payment application once Jess gets it figured out completely. He has electric, barb, culvert, 7 heavy use pads, and a spring development.

Pete made a motion to approve the payment application for STOC-22 once the bills are complete and approve the modification. One of the board members will be contacted. Tom seconded. Motion carried.

LAW-07-fence \$2,586.89 this payment will complete the contract.

Ken Stubbers-needs a new feed lot, because he is losing his current sight. Eileen has come up with two potential sites. One site is a total cost of 50 head of mother cows-\$106,085.00. Cost share would be \$57,142.50. This would be an SFCR-WQPA. It would be \$1,000.00 or more per head of cattle. The lot is 360x360. He has to have a lagoon, a barn, dry storage, etc.

Cows would be fed starting in November through May. Needs it completed before the 2009 feeding season. This would not pass through the Division II AFO.

At this time we cannot do this at these rates. The board would like Jessica and Eileen to keep looking for options.

Threemile Butcher Creek individual contracts end December 31, 2008. Should we give them another 6 month extension? The grant is good until December 2009. At this time, the money would have to go back to the state if not put into BMP's.

Leon made a motion to contact the participants and offer them a 6 month extension, send out certified letters. Discussion followed. Ed seconded. Motion carried.

NRCS

5:50 P.M.

Richard Spencer

CSP and the audit have been taking up much of the NRCS staff time. NRCS has been audited on their contracting procedures, and the outcome of the audit was not good. Because of this outcome all individual offices have to have an audit done on all contracts. The NRCS employee meeting was cancelled in December due to the workloads of the audit. EQIP, CSP, leasing and anything that involves money are being affected by the current audit. The agency is in "all hands on deck" mode. Every contract has to be gone through; 178 CSP contracts, and 20 EQIP contracts. December 20th is the deadline. There is a set of 14 questions that has to be answered on every contract. The audit is very in depth and covers every aspect in detail.

OLD BUSINESS

6:30 P.M.

Scott Wasem

IASCD-Scott relayed what occurred at the IASCD annual convention. Discussion followed.

NEW BUSINESS

6:45 P.M.

Scott Wasem

1. Write a letter to Lu Crea thanking her for her willingness to be on the District Board of Supervisors.

ADJOURN

6:55 P.M.

NEXT GENERAL MEETING

Wednesday, January 14th, 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.