

IDAHO SOIL and WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT GENERAL MEETING
USDA Service Center, 83 Highway 95 N, Grangeville, ID 83530 Wednesday, February 5, 2008 5:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER

5:10 P.M.

Scott Wasem

Scott Wasem called the meeting to order at 5:10. Members present Leon Slichter, and Tom Gehring. Others present: Jessica Wells-IASCD arrived at 5:15, Stefanie Bowman-ISWCD.

MINUTES

5:10 P.M.

Scott Wasem

January 9, 2008 minutes-Leon moved to approve the minutes with corrections, Tom seconded. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT

5:15 P.M.

Scott Wasem

Add percentage and number of weeks to Closeout CD now. Tom suggested looking into the possibility of something with a better interest rate, like investing in mutual funds.

Tom made a motion to look into the possibility of a higher interest rate for the CD after the expiration date. The possibility of something longer term also to have Stefanie look into moving into type of a Mutual Fund Account for at least a year, without touching it. Leon seconded. Motion carried.

Leon made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented recognizing that past treasurer is at the Democratic Caucus. Tom seconded as current Treasurer. Motion carried.

BILLS REPORT

5:25 P.M.

Scott Wasem

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

SCC

5:35 P.M.

Jessica Wells

Staff Reports-

Jess presented her staff report and answered questions regarding Eileen's report.

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

Bob Rylaarsdam's contract came up, and options were discussed. The fence is not done, the pipeline is not completed, but the well is done. Bob wants to do the fence correctly, and does not want to have to tear it up this spring. He had to pay for the panels because of the business owner making phone calls. This is out of the contract, and this was his decision to purchase the panels before he was completed with the project. Jess can red line through the items that are not completed and then make a new total that the board can approve so Bob can get part of his money.

Tom made a motion to line item Bob's bill request on the water system and the watering trough to pay the amount of \$5,763.75. Leon seconded. Motion carried.

Ken Ross-Modification and payment application. \$4,516.77. Heavy use pads need to be added to his contract. Ken has a pile of dirt that has not been removed or seeded. Jess read the letter that Ken signed agreeing to have this taken care of.

Jess discussed changing some of the Cost List items; trough with concrete ring, and trough with rock ring, should be added. Jess thinks the board should start paying the vendors like NRCS does, because of the extra work that goes into these contracts. She can look into what these items would cost. When Direct Seeding contracts are done Nutrient Mgmt and pest mgmt are added. The NRCS standards do not follow with the Districts practices. We may be requiring the producers to do extra work for nothing. All producers are being required to keep records. If we change the standards, the producers will be required to keep better records. The cost is dollars per acre. Jess will have some costs for the board to review at the next meeting. We need the producers to become better record keepers. We could have some classes of our own, and use the Grant money to have them. Education is a big item with the Grants. The board can decide on rates.

Leon made a motion to approve and pay the line items that Ken Ross turned in. Tom seconded. Motion carried.

Will continue the discussion on record keeping after they have reviewed the Costs that Jess will bring to the Board.

Leon made a motion to amend the cost share list to include the trough with concrete surround and trough with rock surround. These items need to reflect the current costs for each item. Discussion followed. Tom seconded. Motion carried.

NRCS

6:25 P.M.

Staff Reports-The board members reviewed the staff reports that were turned in from the NRCS staff. Leon mentioned a few items from Richard Simms letter regarding the FOIA. Discussion followed. We would have to be careful of keeping names out of the minutes, because they become public knowledge.

Leon requested that Stefanie file the information that Richard has given them regarding the FOIA and Richard Simms letter. Keep a hard copy in the board members binders.

OLD BUSINESS

6:35 P.M.

Scott Wasem

- 1. Tree report. Stefanie presented the current profit and loss statement for the tree program.
- 2. Draft of the Cooperative Working Agreement. Leon has met with Ken Stinson and brought back Ken Stinson's suggestions. Nothing has been done at the state level with this so far. Leon read his thoughts and notes. Division II is leading the state in activities.
- 3. Quick Books Online-on going discussion.

Leon made a motion to move into executive session Leon (YES), Scott (YES), Tom (YES), Ed (ABSENT) and Pete (ABSENT). Tom Seconded. Motion Carried.

Leon moved to come out of Executive session. Tom Seconded. Leon (YES), Scott (YES), Tom (YES), Ed (ABSENT), and Pete (ABSENT).

Leon requested that he pursue the Cooperative Working Agreement with Kyle Wilson. Tom Seconded. Motion carried.

- 4. Advertisements on websites. A suggestion would be \$100.00 per year for a space. Research the prices and options that other businesses and websites charge. Leon can make the phone calls to sell the spaces or links. Discussion followed. Stefanie will pursue this option.
- 5. Grazing Conference-suggestion card. The Grazing Board is going to have a meeting and wrap it up for 2008.

NEW BUSINESS

7:30 P.M.

Scott Wasem

- 1. Prairie Area Cereal School-Primeland's meeting is on February 12th, 2008.
- 2. DEQ Sub-Grant S144 3 mile/Butcher Creek
- 3. 319 Grant Application-Lower Salmon River Area. Scott will come in on Wednesday to sign the final Grant Application.
- 4. Set up committees and dates/times for budget and annual work plan.
- 5. **Leon made a motion to have Stefanie be the contact for the Clearwater RC&D. Tom Seconded. Motion carried.**

ADJOURN

7:36 P.M.

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

NEXT GENERAL MEETING

Wednesday, March 5th, 2008

5:30 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.