

IDAHO SOIL and WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT GENERAL MEETING
USDA Service Center, 83 Highway 95 N, Grangeville, ID 83530 Wednesday, March 5, 2008 5:30 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER

5:40 P.M.

Scott Wasem

Scott Wasem called the meeting to order at 5:40. Members present Scott Wasem, Leon Slichter, Tom Gehring, Pete Lane, Ed Stuiivenga.

Others present: Jessica Wells-IASCD, Stefanie Bowman-ISWCD, Eileen Rowan-ISCC, Mike Hoffman-IASCD, Kyle Wilson-NSWCD arrived at 6:00.

MINUTES

5:40 P.M.

Scott Wasem

February 8, 2008 minutes-Leon moved to approve the minutes with corrections, Tom seconded. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT

5:45 P.M.

Scott Wasem

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

BILLS REPORT

5:50 P.M.

Scott Wasem

Leon moved to pay the Idaho State Forestry Contest. Ed seconded. Motion carried.

CARBON SEQUESTRATION

6:00 P.M.

Mike Hoffman

Mike talked about carbon sequestration from a packet that he handed out to the board members. Idaho Code 22-5103 enacted on July 1, 2002 instructed the ISCC to prepare a report exploring the potential for carbon sequestration on agricultural and private, non-industrial forestlands. This legislation called for the appointment of a 19-member Carbon Sequestration Advisory Committee to be chaired by ISCC. Mike presented what the IASCD will be doing with the carbon sequestration program. See attached packet. Right now carbon is going for a ton at \$2.50-2.60. In Europe carbon is trading anywhere from \$20.00-\$30.00 a ton. Mike wrote an article for the District's spring newsletter but, he wanted the board's approval before it was sent out. The contracts are based on a 5 year term. Scott suggested having Mike talk at the Spring Division II meeting, and possibly forming a type of Division board like the AFO board, for Carbon Sequestration. To put on an informational workshop, there would have to be at least a fair number of producers interested in attending. Mike stressed that this is just a pilot project. Discussion followed. Leon thought that it would be okay to have the article in the newsletter.

NRCS MOU

6:30 P.M.

Kyle Wilson

Kyle discussed the concerns of the other Districts regarding the MOU from the NRCS. They would like it to be opened up so that they could use different options. Ken Stinson sent a copy of the MOU that the Latah District has been working on, for the approval of the other Districts in Division II. The Districts will sometimes use a professional engineer for any of the crossings that they do. As long as it has a PE stamp on it, this would be legal and hold up in court, so therefore the engineer would be liable. The districts would have to follow all state and federal regulations. All of the grants the districts have say that they will comply with all of the regulations that are in place. NRCS has programs that are mandated, and those come before the Districts programs. Discussion followed. The board will look over the presented MOU and discuss approval of it at the next board meeting in April.

Leon made a motion to go into executive session at 6:50 p.m. Tom seconded. Motion carried. Roll call Leon(YES), Ed(YES), Pete(YES), Tom(YES), Scott(YES).

Jessica, Eileen, Richard and Stefanie were asked to leave the room.

Leon made motion to come out of executive session. Ed seconded. Roll call Leon(YES), Scott(YES), Ed(YES), Pete(YES), and Tom (YES).

Jessica, Eileen, Richard and Stefanie returned to the meeting.

SCC

7:20 P.M.

Jessica Wells

Staff Reports- Eileen presented the BAG power point presentation and asked for suggestions. The BAG meeting is on March 11, 2008 at 5:00 in Lewiston. Discussion followed.

The board read through the staff reports. They discussed Jess's opportunity to view a new cross slot drill and her thoughts on it.

The board went through an AFO application that will be a stage 4. It is ready for a District ranking.

Jessica presented applications for Kent Rad's, AFO project. Leon said that he would vote no, because it is not an AFO project, but winter grazing/range operation, he thinks it would be perfect for the Lower Salmon Grant if it is approved. Jess and Eileen will keep it on hold, until the board is apprised on whether the District is approved for the grant.

Jess then presented 5 AFO-WQPA contracts. The board has already approved, but need to sign the WQPA portion of the contract.

The prospect of increasing grass seeding rates was brought before the board. Discussion followed.

Jess presented Steve Sonnen's contract .

Leon made a motion to pre-approve the contract for Steve Sonnen. Ed seconded. Motion carried.

NRCS

8:15 P.M.

Staff Reports-Richard Spencer presented his staff report.

The CSP Enhancement Workshops were discussed. Richard stated that NRCS will be paying for \$200.00 for the hall rentals. The District will purchase the refreshments for these meetings. Tom said that Primeland would be able to donate some money to the District for purchasing the refreshments. The workshops will be held on the 18th, 19th, and 20th. Stefanie will pickup the refreshments and take them to the meetings in Ferdinand and at the Grangeville Senior center. Leon will possibly take the refreshments to the evening meeting at the Grangeville Senior Center if needed.

The relocation of the office was discussed.

OLD BUSINESS

9:00 P.M.

Scott Wasem

1. Tree report
2. Draft of the Cooperative Working Agreement
3. Quick Books Online

NEW BUSINESS

9:10 P.M.

Scott Wasem

1. Set up Committees and dates/times for Budget, and Annual Work Plan. Friday March 21, 2008 8:00 a.m.
2. NRCS-Office Space
3. Division II Spring Meeting, Orofino- March 13, 2008
4. IASCD-Quickbooks Online Documentation
5. Fourth Grade Foresters USA

ADJOURN

9:15 P.M.

NEXT GENERAL MEETING

Wednesday, April 2nd, 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.