

**IDAHO SOIL and WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT GENERAL MEETING**  
USDA Service Center, 83 Highway 95 N, Grangeville, ID 83530 Wednesday, May 7<sup>th</sup>, 2008 5:30 P.M.

**CALL TO ORDER**

5:38 P.M.

Scott Wasem

Scott Wasem called the meeting to order at 5:38. Members present Scott Wasem, Pete Lane, Ed Stuivenga and Leon Slichter. Tom Gehring arrived 6:52.

Others present: Jessica Wells-IASCD, Eileen Rowan-ISCC, Richard Spencer-NRCS, Stefanie Bowman-SWCD. Bill Lillibridge, PE, arrived at 6:00 p.m.

**MINUTES**

5:35 P.M.

Scott Wasem

April 2, 2008 minutes-Leon made a motion to approve the minutes with corrections, Ed seconded. Motion carried.

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

5:45 P.M.

Scott Wasem

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

**BILLS REPORT**

5:55 P.M.

Scott Wasem

Pete made a motion to approve the bills as presented. Ed seconded. Motion carried.

**SCC**

6:00 P.M.

Jessica Wells

**Staff Reports-** The board reviewed the SCC staff reports. Jessica had the opportunity to ride on a new cross slot drill with Dale Wemhoff. Discussion followed.

Presented payment applications **B Lustig**, Mulch Till Seeding, \$1,452.00 on 62.7 acres. **J Wemhoff-** \$12,295.50 for a culvert, heavy use, and access road. He didn't get the fence done for payment in time for the board meeting. New contract for **D Gabica**-1 well with 2000 gal concrete or plastic cistern, 5 troughs,

**Leon made a motion to go into Executive session, Pete seconded. Roll Call Scott (Yes), Leon (Yes), Ed (Yes), Pete (Yes), Tom (Yes).**

**Ed made motion to go out of executive session. Pete Seconded. Roll Call Scott (Yes), Leon (Yes), Ed (Yes), Pete (Yes), Tom (Yes).**

**Leon made a motion that they do not sign the contract for D. Gabica until there is a complete grazing plan and he understands the contract and the ramifications. Ed seconded. Motion carried.**

Ken Seubert-discussion. Jess did a field check on what was completed last fall on tract 5491. It didn't look right, so she had Bob Sandlund go check that field with her. She called Kathy Seubert and Kathy thought that Ken had cultivated that field. This field was supposed to be direct seeded according to the contract. She asked Kathy to have Ken come into the office. Ken said that he had cultivated to get rid of the alfalfa grass mix and then used his direct seed drill. He should not have for the field because he had cultivated it. Jess told him that there were two options that the board could come up with, the first option was that the board wouldn't ask for the money back but he would have to seed it according to the standard in 2009 and not be paid. The second option was, the board would request the money back, and he would be paid again when he reseeds it in the Spring of 2009. He got paid for 128 acres. Ken is in noncompliance and we should ask for all of the money back. The cost would be \$3,072.00.

**Ed made a motion to ask Ken Seubert for the money back that was paid last fall to him for the entire field in tract 5491 in the amount of \$3,072.00. He can keep the contract and start again next year. Leon seconded. Motion carried.**

Leon and Scott went out and talked with Bob Rylaarsdam on Friday May 2nd. The original plan called for a barbed wire fence, but Bob decided to switch to metal panels. When he switched Bob said that he did not have any specs for a metal panel fence. Eileen informed him that the specs would be similar to that of wooden panel fencing. Leon requested that we get an overview on the entire project. Eileen did the original design work and it has been changed numerous times. Bob originally wanted to go across the creek with a bridge and fence the creek off. The specs said that he would have had to have had a 90' bridge to go across the flood plain. So this was not a good option for Bob. His other option was a very large culvert ,size not recorded. Bob decided not to go across the creek. Leon said that as a producer, he felt that the area for the feedlot is not a good spot, because of the amount of water that is in the area. Bill Lillibridge and Eileen actually suggested to Bob that he abandoned part of his hay ground to the west to use as the feedlot, but Bob said no. Bill had told Bob it wasn't the best place for a lot, but Bob wanted to go ahead. Ed said that in that area, unless base rock is used, they have problems with wet areas; they usually confine cattle in smaller areas, so that they are not damaging a large area, just a small one. After meeting with Bob, Bill Lillibridge sent Rob Sampson NRCS State Engineer an e-mail with the issues, and Rob Sampson said that the project would be okay as described by Bill Lillibridge, PE. Eileen read the suggestions that Bill Lillibridge gave Bob when Eileen, Jessica and Bill met with him.

Leon said that there are some areas that are okay, some posts need to be straightened up on the perimeter fence, and where the concrete feeder is, the feeder needs to be straightened and Bob needs to re-secure the panels to the concrete feeder properly. The fence that is to the north of the barn is in a soggy area and does not look good at all.

Leon and Scott proposed that if Rob Sampson is okay with the specs, that we would be willing to pay the line item on the panels on the outside perimeter fence but not the one along the north end of the barn, until he gets done with his rocking and moves the water trough to the northwest corner of the barn. Bob is thinking about putting in a French drain or tile on the west side of the barn to keep the water out of the feed lot. Bill said that he would look into the design for the drain from the barn roof. ISCC has changed the way that they do designs since the contract was signed with Bob two years ago. Now when they make changes, they draw up a new design. So, in the future, we shouldn't have to repeat a lot of these issues.

**Pete made a motion to pay for the South perimeter fence. Upon completion of the fencing, the rock installation and the trough installation on the North end of the barn, we would then make payment when the project was completed. Needing to be done by November 1, 2008. Tom seconded. Motion carried.**

**Moved to NRCS Reports- 8:30 p.m.**

**Resumed SCC & IASCD reporting at 8:45 p.m.**

Doug Boggan- Is going to have to put in 2-4 hole Mira Fonts ball waterers. Allowance is 850.00 for a trough on a rock pad. Just to buy a ball waterer, the cost is \$850.00 not installed. Eileen wants to up the cost share for the trough on the rock pad up to \$1200.00, for a concrete pad at least \$3500.00 with a possibility of a 10% overrun, because the 850.00 is not going to be enough. Doug was considering doing a concrete water pad, but he should only have to do a little bit of concrete under the trough, and do the rest in rock. Probably should update the cost share list to include manufactured watering troughs.

**Leon made a motion to raise the cost share on a manufactured trough on rock pad to \$1500 and to raise the cost share for a manufactured trough on a concrete pad to 3500.00. Tom seconded. Motion carried.**

**Pete left at 9:00 p.m.**

Ken Stubbers-wants to put a feedlot in that meets Tier III CSP requirements. Bob and Jess went out and looked at the area. At a later date Bill, Eileen and Jess went out and looked at the project. He would like to put a feedlot in behind his house, his lease is up on his other lot. It will be a winter feed lot. It would be a 4-5 wire fence around with a catch basin on the top, have a tile going through and have the bluegrass field as buffer. The closest creek is at least a mile from the suggested area. His is close to being near the top of the drainage, but will have a diversion. He is worried that the house well will not be able to water the cows and the house necessities. If the well is only for the cows we will pay 75% but if it is used for the house, we will pay 50%. He wants a cistern to go along with the well. Jess and Eileen want to know if the board would like to have them continue with this and come up with a plan for a contract. Scott suggested that Eileen and Jessica go ahead and pursue it.

Quinn Wemhoff has come in and has taken over the old Bufford house, where Ted Wemhoff used to live. Ted moved to Boise. Quinn has 80-100 calves and some horses, and would like a well for them. They don't know if there is a resource concern, if there isn't they can not find it. If he just needs water, they will not do it. Leon suggested that they go out and look at it, and report on it at the next meeting.

Larry Arnzen-Jess went out and okayed his fence and the rebar for the feeding pad. He would like a windbreak in between the fences that he just built, for some protection for the lot. There is a new access road and a feedlot. This would be included in the SFCWR WQPA contract. It would be 600 ft at 2 rows with 12 foot spacing. 100 trees, possibly with a drip system, but Bob talked with him and suggested that he do that on his own, by bringing in a big tank, and then dripping it down. The board feels we can do the design work, but for the money it wouldn't be worth us paying for it. He would be better off doing it himself.

#### **Lower Salmon Project**

Leon suggested that we do all three options that Jess suggested for use in future project proposals. Which were postcards, letters and newspaper advertisements.

**NRCS**

**8:25 P.M.**

**Staff Reports**-Richard Spencer presented his staff's reports.

New state conservationist from Colorado.

Talked about a project on the lower Salmon, and would be having a rapid water shed assessment. Sent a request to Mark Weatherstone, he said to just send in the request and get on the schedule.

Kooskia Soil Survey-needs to be updated, but is not a high priority in this area. The District should send a new letter requesting Kooskia Survey to be updated to the new State Con. Talked with Bruce Napp out of Moscow, and they have finished up soil surveys Latah and are now headed to Benewah.

Farm bill application date and a farm bill calendar. July 15, is the deadline for the application for FY 09. July 15- Oct 17 will be ranking period from Oct 17-19 will be contract. Still accepting application for the WHIP, but they have tightened it up and are just focusing on endangered species. They are requesting that if we want any input on the rankings, we need to get together with the local working groups-no deadline.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**9:25 P.M.**

**Scott Wasem**

1. NRCS-MOU- Leon went over the MOU draft that we received from Latah Soil and Water. His feelings are that we adopt the one that Latah has developed, because Ken Stinson has talked with Rich Simms by telephone on each line item
2. Annual Work Plan-went over ideas for the Trends and Issue. Will input into the actual document and get sent to Kathy Weaver.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**9:35 P.M.**

**Scott Wasem**

1. Zero Based Budgeting.
2. IASCD Alternative Funding Task Force

**ADJOURN**

**9:15 P.M.**

**NEXT GENERAL MEETING**

**Wednesday, June 4, 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.