

IDAHO SOIL and WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT GENERAL MEETING

102 South Hall, Grangeville, ID 83530 Wednesday October 2, 2009 6:00 A.M.

CALL TO ORDER

6:19 A.M.

Scott Wasem

Scott Wasem called the meeting to order. Supervisors Present: Scott Wasem, Leon Slichter, John Frei, Thomas Seubert, Tom Gehring arrived at 6:30. Others Present: Stefanie Bowman ISWCD, Jessica Wells-IASCD, Sydney Yuncevich –NRCS arrived at 6:30.

MINUTES

6:20 A.M.

Scott Wasem

Discussion on the minutes for the board members that were not at the previous meeting.

Leon made a motion to accept the minutes as presented. John seconded. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S/BILLS REPORT

6:30 A.M.

Scott Wasem

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

IASCD

6:45 A.M.

Jessica Wells

Payment Applications

- LAW-18 – \$3,450.00 direct seed on 151.5 acres. Over applied nitrogen, so he will have to do a post harvest soil test.

Thomas made a motion to sign the payment applications after the field checks are completed. John seconded. Motion carried.

- **Newman** – 7 heavy use pads, 2 troughs, \$34,025.64 Eileen will field check after the meeting. **Leon made a motion to sign the payment applications after the field checks are completed. Tom seconded. Motion carried.**

New Contracts

- SFCR Update – Is interested in putting in the pond. He is waiting to have test holes dug before we move on. This pond could possibly be used as a Dip Pond by IDL.
- SRBA – potential new contract. Wants to put in a well and 3 troughs. Had a pond that is drying up so the current trough does not fill. There is a wet spot that the cows currently have access to for water or a trough that does have water in another pasture. The producer has already done the witching and thinks he has a spot where he believes there will be good water. Ground looks good. Not looking to increase numbers, just wants water. No electricity available, but would be able to do a generator. This would be a good system that doesn't need a full grazing plan, but will have the producer come in and go over what he has for forage. **Ok to keep working**
- SRBA – Has had the property for two years. Has a pond that doesn't have much for water. The creek has been diverted around it, so getting the pond to work would not benefit us. Producer found several springs that are right at the edge of the property. Bob suggests that we develop the springs, tile them, and put a trough in away from the creek. Rents the pasture out to the neighbors. The producer is working hard to get the land to work well for him. Lifetime of a spring development is 15 years. Water tanks are sized for the number of head. The overflow will actually enhance the creek and would be a good project for the SRBA area. **Ok to keep working**
- SRBA – Wanted to do an excavated pond for water. Great pond sight, but won't do what the producer wants for water. The fields start going up, so the water isn't going to flow where it needs to be. The field is right off of the road, he doesn't want to have the wildlife right next to the road. Put a well in on the high spot, which would allow water in two pastures instead of one. The current trough is right next to the road in a far pasture and it is getting beat up. Would need a grazing plan that he would have to follow. Rich went out with Jess to look at this project and the best water option would be a well. There is a lot of granite in this area. Power is going to be an issue at this one also. It would probably be a generator. Has 50 pair. Sydney suggested that we plan with him on the forage issue, before we do anything about drilling a well. This contract would probably be next spring, so that we can get the clippings for the forage. **Ok to keep working**
- SFCR – Got some new ground and would like to put in some new Direct Seed on 200 acres. Would the board be willing to look into a contract on the new ground? They will be added to the list with a medium ranking.

STOC-23 – has paid back \$8,457.09 for the failed seeding area. Need to write a letter stating that he needs to follow his contract on the grazing plan. Sydney and Jessica will give him a call and work with him, so that he is not out of compliance.

Leon made a motion to accept the payment on the grounds that were leased out, and acknowledge that we have received it. Tom seconded. Motion carried.

IASCD MOA – Jessica’s wages WQPA, SRBA, Division II AFO, 319. Kent will be billing out for 6 months worth of Jessica’s time and mileage.

There will be some hours that Jess worked on the Lower Salmon Hells Canyon grant application. What would the board like to do with this there are 49.25 hours/ \$25.00 per hour? This discussion will be tabled for now, until we have been able to talk to Kent. Anything after April 1st is billable.

Leon made a motion to approve the MOA. Tom seconded. Motion carried.

ISCC

7:53 A.M.

Eileen Rowan

Modification

SFCR-16 – in the process of doing the design, some of the things changed. 220’ of fence was changed to corral fence. Added more fence around the well. Added 500’ of pipe.

Tom made a motion to approve the modification. John seconded. Motion carried.

SFCR-10 - Have water to 8 different pastures instead of just two pastures. Will need to move the well from the original position. Contract started at \$5,000 and will go to a \$20,000 contract.

Tom made a motion to approve the modification. Thomas seconded. Motion carried.

New Contract

SFCR-17 – Mulch till contract. Did not qualify for a no till, but did qualify for mulch till. 435 acres. Continuous 3 year contract.

Leon made a motion to approve the contract. Tom seconded. Motion carried.

Boggan – applied for RRDP loan. Was denied. Will be re-applying with the rest of the information that was required and not available for the State meeting. Needs to have some collateral that he can base the loan on.

NRCS

8:10 A.M.

Sydney Yuncevich

- Board reports – review out of binders.
- CSP 2008 – first stage ended on September 30th. 20 applications, forest and farmland are separate applications. Next they have to complete the more in-depth interviews. Won’t know until the end of the year whether they are accepted.

Misc

8:15 A.M.

Audit – discussion

Employee Review-2 years

Poster judging contest – Prairie Middle School – 1st-Talyss Lustig, 2nd-Abbie Uhlenkott, 3rd-Hailey Danly

Leon made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:30. John seconded. Motion carried.

NEXT GENERAL MEETING **Wednesday, November 4th, 2009** **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.