

IDAHO SOIL and WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT GENERAL MEETING

USDA Service Center, 102 South Hall, Grangeville, ID 83530 Wednesday 4/15/09 7:00 A.M.

CALL TO ORDER

7:35 A.M.

Scott Wasem

Scott Wasem called the meeting to order. Supervisors Present: Scott Wasem, Leon Slichter, Tom Gehring, John Frei Others Present: Richard Spencer-NRCS-7:35. Stefanie Bowman ISWCD.

MINUTES

7:35 A.M.

Scott Wasem

Tom made a motion to accept the minutes with corrections. Leon seconded. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S/BILLS REPORT

7:40 A.M.

Scott Wasem

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

IASC & ISCC -

7:05 A.M.

Eileen Rowan

Eileen called in at 7:05.

- o Don Johnston has had a well witched at 300'.
- o Only asked for 50% cost share, would be summer grazing.
- o Sydney & Eileen will work on grazing plan.
- o Has 100 hundred head, but keeps in groups of 20. Life expectancy of a well is 20 years. Currently not much water, mainly seasonal.
- o The board gave the go ahead to continue working with Don.

Leon made a motion to go into executive session at 7:20. John seconded. Roll call - Leon-Yes, John-Yes, Tom-Yes, Scott-Yes, Thomas-absent. Motion carried.

Leon made a motion to come out of executive session at 7:25. Roll call - Leon-Yes, John-Yes, Tom-Yes, Scott-Yes, Thomas-absent. Tom seconded. Motion carried.

- o Eileen will check with TB-08 and see what the current status of his project is.
- o RCRDP ranking- loan request is for the AFO project costs- Legitimate use for funding. Have the producer apply for 100% of the loan with a statement in the agreement that once the Division pays the producer he will repay the SCC.
- o Cost List-based on EQIP list. Updated costs to cover any changing costs. Producers will still be required to send in bills.
- o SRBA grant proposal. April 23rd @ 10:30 a.m. Scott will do a call in.

NRCS

8:07 A.M.

Richard Spencer

- o Richard read the letter that Ken Carey turned in for a signature. Gave a history on the District's signing authority.
- o EQIP teleconference – 2 hours, Will start ranking within the division. The money will be kept within the divisions. Water quality was the highest priority, forestry was #2. Money will be split between each resource. If money is not spent in the lower priorities, it will go to the highest priority. 12 applications so far. There will be national, state and local questions.

- A sure thing will be a mega audit for all CSP contracts, 23 questions have to be answered. NRCS has until September to complete. 170 + contracts and 30 will be ending this year.
- CRP burning – they can burn but have to have a prescribed burning plan set up. Plans have to be done by certified burn planners. Brendan Brazee has changed the standard and the planning. The NRCS will be trained up on the planning, so they can make these burn plans. Can burn CRP during the nesting period as a spot treatment.

FSA

9:25 A.M.

Ken Carrey

The board wanted to discuss with Ken and Susie the letter that was brought before the board that would relinquish the board signatory authority. It may be in the statutes that the Districts actually have to sign the CPO's and the CRP plans. The conservation plan is just a document within a folder. Now it has become one of the major documents in the files. This document now has to be kept up to date and maintained by both NRCS and FSA. The only problem is that the delay in getting the boards signature on the new revised conservation plan is difficult. The way it is now, the document is not effective until the document is signed by all three agencies. Leon would like to see the District continue to sign these plans, just to keep the agencies working together. Stefanie will look into see if there is an electronic signature option, in case the District Board Supervisors cannot get into the office to sign the contracts. The board agreed to make every effort to sign the plans as necessary.

OLD BUSINESS

9:45 A.M.

IDSWCD

Budget approval

Leon made a motion to approve the budget as presented. John seconded. Motion carried.

Leon made a motion to get a \$30.00 gift certificate for Delores Bowman for helping with the tree program from Green Acres. Tom seconded. Motion carried.

Adjourn

10:00 A.M.

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

NEXT GENERAL MEETING

Wednesday, May 6th, 2009

6:00 P.M.

<p>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.</p>
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