

IDAHO SOIL and WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT GENERAL MEETING

102 South Hall, Grangeville, ID 83530 Wednesday September 2nd 2009 4:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER

4:30 P.M.

Scott Wasem

Scott Wasem called the meeting to order. Supervisors Present: Scott Wasem, Leon Slichter, Tom Gehring Others Present: Stefanie Bowman ISWCD, Jessica Wells-IASCD, Eileen Rowan-ISCC, Richard Spencer –NRCS, Janet Hohle-ISCC, Biff Burleigh-ISCC

MINUTES

4:32 P.M.

Scott Wasem

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

TREASURER'S/BILLS REPORT

4:34 P.M.

Scott Wasem

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

ISCC – Janet Hohle

4:40 P.M.

Janet Hohle

Race Creek Project

- Lower salmon and little salmon project area has been looked at for years. There are some funding sources that we can look at. The lower salmon does not fall in the priority area. Race Creek – enforcement issues in this area from NOAA fisheries and F & G. Have District talk to landowners, instead of law enforcement officials. Start with a planning phase and then move into an implementation phase. Hasn't been a lot of work. SRBA and PCSRF-may be able to make a case to both of these groups to get some funding. Instead of being a spot problem, this one is more of a whole watershed issue. Have a community meeting the landowners and land users in this watershed. Requires a 25% match through both of these programs. PCSRF will allow Bonneville funding for some of the match. SRBA will not, so match is hard to come up with. Funding efforts are not guaranteed with either of the sources.

Leon made a motion to pursue the potential Race Creek project under Janet's direction. Tom seconded. Motion carried.

SCC Report

- Janet gave an update on what the SCC has been doing in the past month. *See attached handout.*
- She is the new contact for District Support in Division II. Scott suggested that we have a binder of history and procedures. Stefanie stated that there is one, but it needs to be updated.
- Supervisor and District Training Needed
- Let Janet know if we have any priorities

Open Meeting Law

Changed and went into effect July 1, 2009. *See attached handout.* When it is open floor, the board cannot respond to the discussion. If there is a conversation that may become controversial, put it on the next agenda, but do not include in the minutes of the current meeting.

ISCC – Biff Burleigh

5:20 P.M.

Biff Burleigh

Biff came up from Boise to conduct project reviews on the WQPA and AFO projects with Eileen, Jessica and the Lewis SWCD. These reviews are supposed to be done every year. These are draft project evaluations. Biff suggested that the AFO committee think about putting in for another Phase of funding. *See attached reports.*

ISCC & IASCD

5:45 P.M.

Jessica Wells & Eileen Rowan

Payment Applications

- SFCR-01 – Access road 2225' with culvert for a total cost share of \$16,157.10. Leon made a motion to approve the payment application. Tom seconded. Motion carried.

New Contracts

- SFCR-16 – Wanting to put a feedlot in for \$39,740.00. Richard will go out and verify that the design is okay for the current CSP contract. Leon made a motion to approve and sign the new contract. Tom seconded. Motion carried.

Producer updates

- AFO-24 – submitted a loan application to the ISCC for his share of the project. It will be submitted at the next commission meeting. He was going to apply for the full amount of the project so that he can pay the bills while waiting for the cost share.
- AFO-29 – will be meeting with the producer next week on Tuesday to work on the design.

Modification – SFCR-10 - The original well is not going to work to water the number of cows that need water. Cannot use this well as the spring development due to the lack of water. Would like to dig a new well. To put in a well, we can run water to fields that were not an option with a spring development. Need to pursue and get a modification to drill and install a well and possibly 3 water troughs.

Tom made a motion to proceed with the modification. Leon seconded. Motion carried.

Potential direct seed contracts

Need an approval on some of the producers that are on the waiting list that have been ranked medium and low. What does the board want us to do with the producers that are interested in cost shares? How do they want to rate the projects? Start closest to the creeks first and work our way up? Qualify the weed spraying to riparian areas where they need to be restored. As long as the weeds are near a water body we can look at the control methods that are needed.

Lewis County SWCD said that if the producer is already Direct Seeding, they are not even going to get funded. They will not rank a producer that is already doing the practice. Have Jess go ahead and proceed

Direct seed-1, AFO-2, Riparian-3

Quinn Wemhoff has 200 acres that he would like to do rotational direct seeding on. This does not include the 50 acres he is already doing.

Skip Hall – interested in installing a wildlife pond-medium sized. Bob and Rich went out and looked at the sight and said it would be a good site. The cost share would be 6,000 with the total being about 8,000. If we proceed we can try to get him to install some plantings that would be good for shade and wildlife cover. These are agricultural BMP's; the decision can be left up to the board, so the producer doesn't have to make money off of it. Bob was comfortable with this to send it to the board. If approved, Bob will go out and fill out a Tech Note 19 for wildlife. IDL-Dave Summers may be interested in helping, if this were to be available for use as a dip pond.

Larry Remacle – spring development – West Lake – has a pond that dries up. Can we proceed? This would be run through SRBA funding. Check on resource concerns.

Canceled contract – AFO-22 – Can no longer go higher in the CSP tiers, so they would like to go ahead and do this project on their own, so that they can do it the way that they would like. Will put in the drain field and the culvert, use electric fence, they will also still use a French drain.

Leon made a motion to accept the cancellation of AFO-22. Scott seconded. Tom abstained. Motion carried.

LAW-10 – wanted paid for the fence that came from the trees down, was not in the contract as a payment, but was in the contract. He did not replace his culvert, so there was no crossing. He had to fix the crossing, because he had the fence up 2' when it should have been 6". He used rock fill to meet the fence design. The producer feels that he should be paid for the fence because the "board made him put the fence in he and he also wants to be paid for the rock, because we "required" him to put more rock on. There is no funding left for this producer in the initial contract or the modification; he has actually been paid for over the contract amount. Cannot pay for a BMP that has already been installed.

\$1,320.00 additional rock to meet fence specifications. \$181.53 cost share.

NRCS

7:30 P.M.

Richard Spencer

- Board reports – making good progress on the audit.
- CSP 2008 – will be trained on the 9th and 10th. First deadline is the September 30th. Have 8 producers interested so far. The state has been allocated a specific number of acres.
- *See attached chart.*

OLD BUSINESS

7:40 P.M.

None

NEW BUSINESS

7:45 P.M.

None

Leon made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 p.m. Tom seconded. Motion carried.

NEXT GENERAL MEETING

Friday, October 2nd, 2009

6:00 A.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.