



Kootenai-Shoshone Soil and Water Conservation District

7830 Meadowlark Way, Suite C1 – Coeur d’Alene, Idaho 83815 – Phone (208) 762-4939

Date: May 17, 2023

Time: 9:00 am

Place: Conference Room located in the NRCS Field Office at 7830 Meadowlark Way Suite C-1, Coeur d’Alene, ID 83815

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AGENDA

I. Call to Order

II. District Business

- a. Approve Minutes for April’s Meeting **ACTION ITEM**
- b. Treasurer’s Report **ACTION ITEM**

III. Agency Reports

- a. NRCS: Corey Bonsen
- b. ISWCC: Bill Lillibridge
- c. KSSWCD: Karla Freeman

IV. Other Business

- a. Leading Idaho – Riverside Track MOU - **ACTION ITEM**
- b. Leading Idaho – Powderhorn Bay Sponsorship – **ACTION ITEM**
- c. Approve FY 2023-2024 Budget – **ACTION ITEM**
- d. Amended MOU from Boat Station - **ACTION ITEM**
- e. Approve Thank you letter for Bonner SWCD – **ACTION ITEM**
- f. Stone Creek North Presentation – Thomas Shaffer
- g. Local Work Group – Facilitator – Discussion- Corey Bonsen

V. On Going Business

Next Meeting June 14,2023 at 9:00 am Conference Room located in the NRCS Field Office at 7830 Meadowlark Way Suite C-1, Coeur d’Alene, ID 83815

VII. Adjournment

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“Putting conservation on the ground by promoting stewardship”

Minutes

Date: May 17, 2023

Present

Laurin Scarcello – Chairman
Linda Ely – Vice – Chairman
Wes Evans – Secretary/Treasurer
Kevin Hicks, Supervisor
Thomas Shafer - Supervisor
Bob Flagor –Associate Supervisor
Karla Freeman, KSSWCD
Corey Bonsen- NRCS
Bill Lillibridge – ISWCC - ZOOM
Kristin Larsen – DEQ
Paul Akiyama – Private Landowner

Absent (Board members)

Joel Noland – Supervisor
John Mobbs – Associate Supervisor

The meeting was held at the NRCS Conference Room located at 7830 Meadowlark Way Suite C-1, Coeur d’Alene, ID 83815.

Meeting called to order by Chairman Laurin Scarcello at 9:00 am.

Wes Evans moved, and Linda Ely seconded the motion to approve the April’s 2023 minutes. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Linda Ely moved, and Kevin Hicks seconded the motion to approve April’s 2023 financial reports. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Due to time constraints, the Stone Creek power point presentation was moved to the start of the meeting.

Next was a power point presentation Death of a Wetland, from a private landowner Paul Akiyama concerning the Stone Creek Development in Hayden. This new development is essentially being built on a wetland. Paul presented a documented power point of what is being done with this development and how it is impacting the aquifer. There seems to be a lot of construction contamination in the creeks that feed into the aquifer. This development will consist of 66 single family homes. Discussions were had on how to prevent this in the future.

Next on the agenda was Corey Bonsen, NRCS. Corey had a handout for all of the current information from the NRCS. Please see the handout. Corey also discussed whether the district would want a meeting facilitator at the next Local Work Group Meeting in November or handle this on our own.

Next on the agenda was Bill Lillibridge, ISWCC updated that the commission has hired a replacement for Katie Yoder. Her name is Jeanna Dietzel. She is currently living in Boise and is receiving training there. Jeanna is looking to be in the Coeur d’Alene office by mid to late June. Bill Lillibridge updated that the WQPA deadline

for grant applications is May 31, 2023. Bill also updated on a couple of the Leading Idaho projects. The Wolf Lodge Creek #5, Sandy Schlepp is starting tomorrow with the willow plantings on Andrew LeClaire's property. The Leading Idaho – Schlagel Draw- Albert Walsh has been started, the district has funds left on this grant and will be asking DEQ for an amendment to the scope of work to add an additional draw on his property that will be completed next spring.

Next on the agenda, Karla Freeman, District Administrator updated on the following:

Boat Stations – All 4 boat stations are up and running, we have also received the amendment to the MOU to reflect pay rate increases for all positions as well as reimburse the district for inspector recruitment expenses.

WQPA – Karla updated that she will be submitting a grant application for a Mica Creek project. Karla is putting on the finishing touches and then should be ready to submit.

Modern Homsteader Event- Karla updated that we need to get a signup sheet ready so we can plan out the times board members will be volunteering will be able to work.

District Survey – Karla updated that the district annual survey is due in July and asked all board members to fill out a survey. Karla will take the general comments and concerns and compose one survey to submit.

Karla also updated that the meeting or the Shoshone County Commissioners will be Tuesday June 13, 2023, at 10:00 am. Bob Flagor, Linda Ely, Jon Groth and Karla will be attending this meeting. This meeting is to meet the new county commissioners and let them know what the district does and talk about the projects in Shoshone County.

Next on the agenda was the action item to approve the MOU for the Leading Idaho – Riverside Track Project. Wes Evans moved, and Linda Ely seconded the motion to approve the MOU. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Next on the agenda was the action item to approve the MOU for Leading Idaho – Powder horn Bay Project. There was discussion about this project and concerns were raised about not having all 40 landowners on board at this time as well as a possible change in the scope of work. For this we would need to have an amendment done to the application. The board feels that this project is not far enough along for us to step in and take over sponsoring this project. Linda Ely moved, and Thomas Shaffer seconded the motion to disapprove of the district sponsoring this project at this time. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Next on the agenda was the FY 2023-2024 budget. Questions were had about allocating funds within the budget to purchase a truck next year once the lease is up. This will be an ongoing topic of leasing versus purchasing a truck next year. Karla will work on getting a cost on a new lease or buying out the current lease. Wes Evan moved, and Linda Ely seconded the motion to accept the FY 2023-2024 budget as written. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Next on the agenda was to approve the amendment to the MOU for the boat station grant. This amendment raises the pay rates of all boat station employees as well as reimbursing the district for hiring and recruitment expenses. Thomas Shaffer moved, and Kevin Hicks seconded the motion to approve the MOU amendment. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Next on the agenda was to approve a letter of appreciation for Sarah Garcia, Bonner County SWCD administrator for all her hard work on getting the pay rates increased for the boat station employees. Linda Ely moved, and Kevin Hicks seconded the motion. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Next meeting to be held on Wednesday June 14, 2023 at 9:00 am at the NRCS Conference Room located at 7830 Meadowlark Way Suite C-1, Coeur d'Alene, ID 83815.

Meeting adjourned at 11:15 am.