



Kootenai-Shoshone Soil and Water Conservation District
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Date: February 9, 2022
Time: 9:00 am

Place: Kootenai County Licensing Building – 451 Government Way, Coeur d'Alene, ID 83815 Meeting Room 1 A

AGENDA

I. Call to Order

II. District Business

- a. Approve Minutes for January's Meeting **ACTION ITEM**
- b. Treasurer's Report **ACTION ITEM**

III. Agency Reports

- a. NRCS: Lance Burton
- b. ISWCC: Katie Yoder
- c. KSSWCD: Karla Freeman

IV. Other Business

- a. Natural Connections Academy – Tammi Masters – Exe. Director
- b. Jacob Garringer – Executive Office of the Governor - Discussion
- c. John Mobbs/Betty Mobbs – Panhandle Farm Corridor-Donation
- d. Laurin Scarcello – Updates from Aquifer – Discussion
- e. Kidd Creek – MOU – **ACTION ITEM**
- f. NACD – Donation – **ACTION ITEM**
- g. Farm Corridor Donation – **ACTION ITEM**
- h. Idaho State Forestry Contest - \$50.00 Donation- **ACTION ITEM**
- i. **Executive Session [Idaho Code §67-2345(1)(a) & (b)]**

V. On Going Business

- a. Next Meeting March 9, at 9:00 to be announced.

VII. Adjournment ACTION ITEM

*The Kootenai-Shoshone Soil & Water Conservation District Supervisors may also hold an executive session to discuss personnel matters pursuant to [Idaho Code §67-2345(1)(a) & (b)5]. No formal action will be taken during this session.

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“Putting conservation on the ground by promoting stewardship”

Minutes

Date: February 9, 2022

Present

Bob Burke – Vice Chairman
Linda Ely – Supervisor
Bob Flagor – Supervisor
Laurin Scarcello – Supervisor
John Minichino, Jr. – Supervisor
Wes Evans – Supervisor
Lance Burton - NRCS
Karla Freeman, KSSWCD
Katie Yoder – ISWCC
Jon Groth – Kingston Cataldo Sewer District
Betty Mobbs – Panhandle Farm Corridor
John Mobbs – Landowner
Tammi Masters – Natural Connections Academy
Jacob Garringer – Executive Office of the Governor
Kristin Lowell - DEQ

Absent (Board members)

Meeting was held at the Kootenai County Licensing Building located at 451 Government Way Room 1B in Coeur d’Alene, ID 83815

Meeting called to order by Vice-Chairman Bob Burke at 9:00 am.

Introductions were made around the room.

Bob Flagor motioned, and Linda Ely seconded the motion for the amendment to the agenda to add an action item of boat station pay rates. **MOTIONED CARRIED.**

Bob Flagor moved, and Linda Ely seconded the motion to approve the January 2022 minutes. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Bob Flagor moved, and Laurin Scarcello seconded the motion to approve the January 2022 financial reports. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Lance Burton, NRCS gave updates:

Currently NRCS has 80 EQIP applications in team 2, 80% re forestry in the amount of \$550,000 in the Local Work Group, \$70,000 for RCPP.

Andrea Burton is acting team lead in the Sandpoint office. The NRCS has made an offer to someone to take the open vacancy in the Coeur d'Alene office, they are waiting for acceptance before any additional information is shared with partners.

Katie Yoder, ISWCC gave updates that the governor did not fund WQPA program. This was a program that was defunded in 2011 and the ISWCC is looking for other ways to fund this project again.

Karla Freeman, District Administrator gave updates on the current development of the Leading Idaho's Future (formally CLAC – Coeur d'Alene Lake Advisory Committee). We are currently finishing up working on the scope of work and the budget of both projects with DEQ. DEQ is hoping to have the sub-award MOU to the District for approval by the end of February.

Karla also updated the 2021 boat season audit with ISDA has been completed and the District has returned the over payment. The District is waiting for the new MOU for the 2022 boat season. Karla also updated that she found a more reasonable prices for the hats for the boat station employees and will get these ordered.

Karla updated that the District has sold out of all the trees for the 2022 Spring Seedling sale.

Next on the agenda was Tammi Master, the Executive Director of the Natural Connections Academy. Tammi explained the program of a year-round school for students that range from 3rd to 5th graders to learn about stewardship of the natural environment. This school will be in Worley Idaho. Tammi also handed out the business plan for this non-profit organization. (See handout)

Next on the agenda was Betty Mobbs with the Panhandle Farm Corridor. Betty updated the board on the success of this new program that the District has supported for the last 2 years. Betty is asking for the board to continue the support with a donation to help with the purchasing of handout flyers. Betty had a handout of the stats for the 2021 season and states that the 2022 season will have additional farmers signed up to participate. (See handout) Laurin also updated that the Aquifer board is currently taking proposal for conservation projects that pertain to the Aquifer and the deadline is March 4, 2022.

Next on the agenda was Jacob Garringer who is with the Executive Office of the Governor. Jacob introduced himself to the board and stated he was there in a spectator capacity to understand how the conservation district worked.

Next on the agenda was the Kidd Creek Mitigation Monitoring MOU for the District. Bob Flagor motioned and Laurin Scarcello seconded the motion to accept the MOU from the Worley Highway District. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Next was the annual donation to the NACD. Bob Flagor motioned, and Linda Ely seconded the motion to donate the same amount as the last two years. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Next was the Panhandle Farm Corridor donation presented by Betty Mobbs. Laurin Scarcello motioned, and Linda Ely seconded the motion to continue support for the same amount as the previous two years. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Next was the Idaho State Forestry Contest annual request for donation. Wes Evans motioned and Laurin Scarcello seconded the motion to continue support for the same amount and the previous year. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Next on the agenda was to have Executive Session **Executive Session [Idaho Code §67-2345(1)(a) & (b)]** to discuss personnel issues. A roll call was made;

Bob Burke – Vice Chairman – Yes
Bob Flagor – Treasurer/Supervisor – Yes
Linda Ely – Supervisor – Yes
Laurin Scarcello-Supervisor-Yes
John Minichino Jr. -Supervisor –Yes
Wes Evans – Supervisor - Yes

Bob Flagor motioned, and Linda Ely seconded the motion. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Bob Flagor motioned and Laurin Scarcello seconded the motion to come out of **Executive Session [Idaho Code §67-2345(1)(a) & (b)]**. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Next on the agenda was the action item of boat station pay raises as discussed in **Executive Session [Idaho Code §67-2345(1)(a) & (b)]**. Bob Flagor motioned, and Wes Evans seconded to accept the suggested pay rates for the boat station employees. **MOTION CARRIED.**

There was open discussion about the no till program and how to move forward with the grant application process.

Meeting adjourned at 11:25 am.