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**Kootenai-Shoshone Soil and Water Conservation District**

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

Date: June 10, 2020

Time: Time: 9:00 a.m

Place: DUE TO COVID19 – NRCS Building is Closed  
Meeting located at Blue Wolf Community Club  
4479 S Blue Creek Road, Coeur d’Alene, ID 83815

AGENDA

**I. Call to Order**

**II. District Business**

- a. Approve Minutes from May’s Meeting **ACTION ITEM**
- b. Treasurer’s Report **ACTION ITEM**

**III. Agency Reports**

- a. NRCS: Aubrey
- b. ISWCC: Brad
- c. KSSWCD: Updates

**IV. Other Business**

- a. Betty Mobbs – Farm Corridor Sponsorship – **ACTION ITEM**
- b. John Mobbs – No Till Drill
- c. Approve FY 2021 Budget – **ACTION ITEM**
- d. Idaho State FFA/4-H - \$50.00 Donation – **ACTION ITEM**
- e. Letter to IASCD President – Boise Meeting June 12, 2020 – **ACTION ITEM**
- f. Wolf Lodge Creek – Opening Bids

**V. On Going Business**

- a. Next Meeting July 8, 2020 at 9am NRCS Conference Room

**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: June 10,2020**

**Present**

Bob Burke – Vice-Chairman  
Stan Thornton - Secretary/Treasurer  
Linda Ely – Supervisor  
Bob Flagor – Supervisor  
Laurin Scarcello - Supervisor  
Aubrey Hoxie - NRCS  
Karla Freeman, KSSWCD  
Brad Shelton – ISWCC  
Betty Mobbs- Panhandle Farm Corridor  
John Mobbs- Landowner

**Absent (Board members)**

Ed Pommerening - Chairman  
Mike Schlepp - Supervisor

**Meeting was held at Blue Creek Community Center due to the NRCS office still being closed due to the COVID-19.**

Meeting called to order by Vice- Chairman Bob Burke at 9:05 a.m.

Laurin Scarcello moved and Linda Ely seconded the motion to approve the May 2020 minutes with one change on page 2, sixth paragraph the date needs to reflect the year as 2020 and not 20202. **Motion Carried.**

Laurin Scarcello moved and Bob Flagor seconded the motion to approve the May 2020 financial **Motion Carried.**

Due to time had Betty Mobbs present her proposal for the Panhandle Farm Corridor. Betty Mobbs presented to the board a request for \$1,000.00 sponsorship for the Panhandle Farm Corridor. Please see the handout given to the board. The handout high lights the farmers that are committed for the 2020 season, a list of what the farmers produce and the hours of operations. This program was started on May 30, 2020 and will run to October 17, 2020. Currently there are 10 farmers participating and an additional 14 for the next 2021 season.

John Mobbs updated the board on his private purchase of a no till drill. He purchased a 6 foot 3 point drill and would like the board to come out and see a demonstration of how this machine operates. This demonstration would teach the board how this might benefit the District should the District consider purchasing one for a lease program.

Aubrey Hoxie, NRCS updated that currently they have 14 active EQIP contracts, and 17 active RCPP-EQIP contracts. 2020 Applications; 33 general EQIP (cropland, pasture, streambank, and high tunnel); 53

applications in RCPP . The NRCS is working on obligation which will occur all in June with a deadline of July 10<sup>th</sup>.

Aubrey also updated that Lance has been lead for both offices in getting new CRP signups reviewed in the field for FSA, and then we'll start writing CRP conservation plans in July with landowners.

COVID-19 office update---Nationally sent out guidance for a new "playbook". Each state will ease back into phases, as agreed on per county with National Headquarters concurrence. Right now, only 5 counties on West Side of Idaho that have moved into Phase 1 (keeping in mind, if numbers rise again, those offices could go back to Phase 0). Offices must remain in phase for 14 consecutive days with no changes in COVID numbers to move to the next phase)

Phase 0—current phase (max-telework status, limited employees in office, practicing social distance guidelines, appointments only by phone—no producers in office, no family in office)

Phase 1— (limited telework status, most staff back in office, max of 10 (high risk folks can still telework from home), no visitors permitted in office

Phase 2— (telework strongly encouraged, and high-risk can still max telework, visitors permitted by appointment only. Restricted to essential, time-sensitive, scheduled visits only, doors remain locked)

Phase 3— (100% of employees may return to office, high risk individuals still allowed max-telework, visitors permitted by appointment only, restricted to essential, time-sensitive, scheduled visits only, doors remain locked

Aubrey also updated that on the weather/water outlook: The Spokane River Basin: SWE (Snow water equivalent) is 102% of normal; and % Precip: 93% of normal, as of: 6/8/2020

Aubrey also updated that the joint chief's proposal she has been working on with the FS, and it will target private lands north of Lancaster Ave, to Bayview, east side of hwy 95, and the Blue-Fernan-Wolf Lodge area.

Brad Shelton, ISWCC updated that there will be a Commission budget hearing on Thursday June 11<sup>th</sup> to go over the commissions budget for FY2021 supervisors encouraged to call in.

Brad also updated that the Governor has now directed all state agencies to return 5% of next year's General Fund allocation. The Governor's office has suggested that should federal recovery funds and state budgetary stabilization funds not be forthcoming to lessen the impact of a serious reduction in revenue, the Governor may need to order an additional amount of agency appropriation--ranging from 8.4%- 14.4%--be returned.

Karla Freeman, District Administrator updated that 319 BMP AG Grant for the Wolf Lodge Creek Reach #3 Project was submitted back in April and we are still waiting to hear the outcome of this grant. We are also waiting to hear back on the grant application for Trans-Canada and Phillips66 for additional funding.

Karla also updated that we have paid River Design Group all invoices but one in which we are still waiting on reimbursement for from DEQ.

Karla updated that that the boat stations are up and running. Kelli is doing a great job. Due to COVID-19 all inspectors are wearing face mask when dealing with the public. They inspectors also have gloves and are sanitizing common areas frequently.

Karla updated the board that we are still waiting to hear back on the NACD TA Assistance Grant that we submitted back in May. We submitted for a 4 day a week position to help with the workload that is on the NRCS.

Karla reminded the board that the Panhandle Seedling Program administrators would like to present a proposal to the board at the July 2020 board meeting concerning joining the tree program with our sister districts.

Karla updated the board on the Castle Rock Ranch project, Brad Shelton and Karla are making a site visit to look over the project area. The Restoration Partnership is working on an MOU to get sent out to the District. NRCS and ISWCC will be helping with this project.

The action item for sponsoring the Pan Handle Farm Corridor was discussed. Bob Flagor moved that we sponsor \$1,000.00 to this program and Stan Thornton seconded the motion. **MOTION CARRIED.**

The budget for the FY2021 was presented. Bob Flagor moved to accept the budget for the FY2021 and Linda Ely seconded the motion. **MOTION CARRIED.**

The Idaho State FFA/4H is requesting a \$50.00 donation. Laurin Scarcello moved and Bob Flagor seconded the motion. **MOTION CARRIED.**

A letter was written to the IASCD concerning the meeting being held on Friday June 12, 2020 for the board supervisors only and not being able to attend due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Laurin Scarcello moved and Stan Thornton seconded the motion. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Request for Bids were opened from the bidding contractors. A decision will me made after having time to review the bid with technical leads on the Wolf Lodge Creek Reach #3 Project.

Glacier Excavating Inc - \$271,070.00  
Douglas Construction and Custom Cutting - \$ 509,923.30  
Elk Creek Contracting - \$ 229,598.00

Sandy Schlepp - \$19,684.00 for willow portion of the project.

Next meeting will be July 8, 2020 at 9:00 am. This board meeting may be held at this same location due to COVID-19.

Meeting adjourned at 11:00 am.