



Kootenai-Shoshone Soil and Water Conservation District

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Date: June 9, 2021

Time: 9:00 a.m.

Place: DUE TO COVID19 – NRCS Building is Closed
Meeting will be held at Kootenai County Licensing Building at 451 Government Way, Coeur
d'Alene, ID 83814 First Floor Conference Room 1A

AGENDA

I. Call to Order

II. District Business

- a. Approve Minutes from April's Meeting **ACTION ITEM**
- b. Treasurer's Report **ACTION ITEM**

III. Agency Reports

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

IV. Other Business

- a. Personnel Policy –
- b. District Survey for ISWCC
- c. Boat Station MOU Amendment – **ACTION ITEM**
- d. FY 2021-2022 Budget – **ACTION ITEM**
- e. Kidd Creek – Monitoring – **ACTION ITEM**

V. On Going Business

- a. Next Meeting July 14, 2021 at 9am to be announced at a later date.

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 9, 2021

Present

Ed Pommerening - Chairman
Laurin Scarcello – Supervisor
Linda Ely – Supervisor
Bob Flagor – Supervisor
Wes Evans – Supervisor
Stan Thornton – Associate Supervisor/Treasurer
Karla Freeman, KSSWCD
Bill Lillibridge – ISWCC
Katie Yoder – ISWCC
Aubrey Hoxie - NRCS

Absent (Board members)

Bob Burke – Vice - Chairman
John Minichino, Jr. – Supervisor

Meeting was held at Kootenai County Licensing Building located at 451 Government Way, Coeur d’Alene, ID 83815 due to the NRCS office still being closed due to COVID-19.

Meeting called to order by Chairman Ed Pommerening at 9:00 a.m.

Laurin Scarcello moved and Robert Flagor seconded the motion to approve the April 2021 minutes. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Wes Evans moved and Bob Flagor seconded the motion to approve the April 2021 financial reports. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Aubrey Hoxie, NRCS was in attendance and updated and passed out a summary.

EQIP (Environmental Quality Incentives Program)

Currently, we have 24 ACTIVE EQIP contracts, and 22 ACTIVE RCPP-EQIP contracts in our service center.

Team 2: I’ll update numbers once our newly pre-approved contracts are obligated. Hovering around 84 between the team, but some are pending obligation.

CStP (Conservation Stewardship Program)

6 active contracts in Kootenai/Shoshone. (2-CStP-GCI grassland, 3-forest, 1 pasture)

We have one application for 2021--NIPF.

Team 2: 6 ACTIVE contracts in Coeur d'Alene

New News:

*CRP signup started on Jan 4th-Feb 12th—contact FSA for interest. —**THIS SIGNUP HAS BEEN EXTENDED—no deadline as of today**

*COVID update: We can have up to 50% staff capacity in the office, and visitors by appointment only. Board meetings are allowed in the building after hours.

*Keep on your calendar, **November 4th** is our tentative Local Work Group meeting. It hasn't been officially scheduled, but that's when we've planned for.

Weather/Water Outlook:

Coeur d'Alene-St. Joe River Basin: SWE (Snow water equivalent) is 57%; and Precipitation is 88% of normal; as of 6/7/2021.

Bill Lillibridge, ISWCC was in attendance and introduce Katie Yoder, she will be the replacement for Brad Shelton. She has previously worked for the DEQ both in Montana and Idaho, she is coming to us from Idaho Fish and Game. Katie is currently living in Palouse, Idaho. Katie will be working from the Coeur d'Alene office. Bill also updated that Terri Murrison is leaving the ISWCC and her temporary replacement will be Delwyne Trefz.

Karla Freeman, District Administrator gave updates:

Duncan Phiefer, who was working under the NACD Grant for Technical Assistance for NRCS has resigned. Duncan took a job with Washington Fish and Game and has moved to Washington State. The district will be placing an ad in Indeed to try and fill the remaining months under this grant.

Karla also updated that the Personnel Policy is almost completed and will be added to the July Agenda for approval.

Karla also updated that the boat stations are extremely busy, and the district has had no issues. Karla addressed the wonderful job that Kelli Moe is doing in her position as Boat Station Manager. Laurin Scarcello, Supervisor suggested that we let Nic Zurflow, ISDA know how busy station Highway 53 is. This station is busy enough to be open at least a month longer and we should recommend this to Nic.

Karla updated that the NRCS office is now able to be staffed at 50% capacity. This means the district could hold their monthly board meetings back in the office but only after hours. Karla will be sending out an email to the board members to see if this is something they would like to do for future meetings.

Karla also updated, that Karissa Nelson with the Local Highway Technical Assistance Council has reached out concerning the Kidd Creek Project. Karissa is requesting the district take on the monitoring reports for years 1, 3 and 5. Karla explained the project. Robert Flagor, Supervisor and Aubrey Hoxie, NRCS were on hand to answer questions that may come from board members.

Next on the agenda was the discussion concerning the District Surveys. Karla has passed out to all members the survey to fill out and requested they be filled out and turned in by the end of the next week so these could be sent to ISWCC by the deadline of July 31,2021.

Next on the agenda is the approval of the Boat Station MOU. Robert Flagor moved and Laurin Scarcello seconded the motion to approve the MOU. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Next on the agenda was the approval of the FY 2021-2022 budget. Wes Evans motioned and Laurin Scarcello seconded the motion. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Next on the agenda was the approval of accepting the offer to do the monitoring and reporting for the Kidd Creek Project. Wes Evans motioned and Laurin Scarcello seconded the motion. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Wes Evans, Supervisor also discussed the no till drill subject. Wes has spoken to several people at various workshops and has had great feedback. The district will plan to move forward on trying to secure funding for this and start a no till drill. Details will be continued to be discussed at upcoming board meetings as more details arise.

Ed Pommerening, Chairman wanted to address the board. Ed resigned from his position as Chairman with the District. Ed has requested that the board vote Valerie Wade onto the board. Valerie is a resident from Shoshone County and works with Panhandle Health. This will be added as an action item for July's meeting.

Next board meeting will be July 14, 2021 at 9:00 am at a location to be announced.

Meeting adjourned at 10:30 a.m.