



**Kootenai-Shoshone Soil and Water Conservation District**  
7830 Meadowlark Way, Suite C1 – Coeur d’Alene, Idaho 83815 – Phone (208) 762-4939

Date: November 11, 2020

Time: 9:00 a.m

Place: DUE TO COVID19 – NRCS Building is Closed  
Meeting will held at Blue Creek Community Center - 4479 S. Blue Creek Road, Coeur d’Alene, ID 83814

## AGENDA

### **I. Call to Order**

### **II. District Business**

- a. Approve Minutes from October’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. Replace Windshield on Truck – **ACTION ITEM**
- b. COVID 19 – Wearing Mask at meeting- **ACTION ITEM**

### **V. On Going Business**

- a. Next Meeting December 9, 2020 at 9am NRCS place to be determined.

### **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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Minutes

**Date: November 11, 2020**

**Present**

Stan Thornton - Secretary/Treasurer  
Linda Ely – Supervisor  
Bob Flagor – Supervisor  
Laurin Scarcello – Supervisor  
Karla Freeman, KSSWCD  
John Minichino Jr. – Newly Elect Board Member  
Wes Evans – Newly Elect Board Member  
Duncan Pfeifer – KSSWCD

**Absent (Board members)**

Mike Schlepp - Supervisor  
Ed Pommerening - Chairman  
Bob Burke – Vice Chairman  
Aubrey Hoxie - NRCS  
Brad Shelton - ISWCC

**Meeting was held at Blue Creek Community Center located at 4479 Blue Creek Road, Coeur d'Alene, ID 83815 due to the NRCS office still being closed due to COVID-19.**

Meeting called to order by Treasurer Stan Thornton at 9:00 a.m.

Introductions.

Laurin Scarcello moved and Robert Flagor seconded the motion to approve the October 2020 minutes.  
**Motion Carried.**

Stan Thornton, Treasurer went over the final numbers from the boat station and explained to the newly elect board members how the MOU worked for this program.

Bob Flagor moved and Linda Ely seconded the motion to approve the October 2020 financial reports.  
**Motion Carried.**

Aubrey Hoxie, NRCS was not in attendance but did provide a handout of the updates from her agency.

Brad Shelton, ISWCC Boise is planning on spending the next year looking at funding distribution options, finding out which ones are supported by Districts and do some meaningful reform. They pledge to put significant effort into that and to include all districts and the IASCD leadership – anyone who is willing to work with us in good faith. They can look at what reports are needed and perhaps how to streamline them, but until we figure out how funding for the next FY goes, they believe that things should remain status quo. Most certainly, they are willing to do the leg work and outreach to insure all districts can provide meaningful input. One possibility is an effort with all Districts to review the funding and propose legislation in the next session (Jan. 22) that could potentially remove the match formula and replace it with a more equitable distribution. Neither removing the Commission and replacing it with something else or cutting Commission staff allows all Districts to be involved in an in-depth effort to develop meaningful reforms.

Karla Freeman, District Administrator updated the ongoing projects:



Wolf Lodge Creek Reach #3 – Construction started on Oct 5, 2020 and it looks to be halfway through the eight week project. Sandy Schlepp has been reimbursed for her bid of sourcing all the wood. That contract was for \$33,809. We have also paid Edge Creek Properties (Steve and Janet Funk) the \$15,000 for the wood that was on site. Glacier Excavating has turned in an invoice for \$118,000 and Karla plans to do a reimbursement request for this month from Restoration Partnership and Glacier will be paid once we receive the funds. Everything is moving smoothly and all are looking forward to having this project completed.

Castle Rock Ranch – The Albert Walsh project through Restoration Partnership Grant is almost complete. The landowner has completed planting all the trees and plants and is now building the fence. No invoices have been turned in as of yet.

Larry Mundt – This is a 319 grant through DEQ is and is 80% complete. Larry has invoiced us for this 80% and we have paid out \$22,846.00 and are waiting payment from DEQ for the \$34,271.00. Once we receive this reimbursement, we will then cut the landowner a check. This project will pick up in the spring once the weather allows.

NACD TA Grant – Karla introduced Duncan Pfeifer as our Technical Assistance Employee hired by the District to assist the NRCS. Duncan will be working 16 hours per week, 32 hours per pay period as the grant allows.

Karla also updated on the tree sales. To date we have sold 40,025 trees out of our 48,820 trees that were ordered leaving a balance of 8,795 left to sell. As of now the District is currently sold out of three species. Karla also updated that we have made our first payment to IFOA for our 2021 tree seedlings and has made a payment schedule so trees will be paid off in March for the full order.

Karla also updated that the final payment to Pan Handle Seedling Program (PSP) has been made and we are now 100% invested. The tree order has also been submitted for the 2022 seedlings.

Karla also updated that she will be taking vacation to go spend Christmas with her family from December 19, 2020 through December 25, 2020. This will only be four days of vacation.

Wes Evans, newly elect board member had a question for the board regarding the no till drill, how other District throughout southern Idaho has one. The board members explained to Wes that this has come up in previous meetings and there is no demand in our area since we have mainly forestry in the northern portion of Idaho. In earlier months, the logistics of owning one did not justify the purchase of a no till drill at this time.

The first action item on the agenda was to replace the windshield on the truck, Laurin Scarcello motioned and Linda Ely seconded the motion. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Next on the agenda was due to COVID-19 wearing a mask at the monthly board meetings. There was discussion by everyone and no vote. **MOTION DENIED**

John Minichino, newly elect board member had questions for the board.

When are newly elect board members sworn in and do they have voting power before? Newly elect members can be sworn in early but have no voting power until January 1, 2022. Karla will prepare the correct paperwork to have newly elect members sworn in.

John Minichino also asked about the website and when it will be updated to reflect the two new board members. Karla answered that after they are sworn in then she will update the web site and she would need a short bio and picture from both new members.

John Minichino had some additional questions on the roles of the agencies. Robert Flagor and Stan Thornton explained in a short version.

Robert Flagor, Supervisor gave the newly elect board members a short back round history on the Conservation Districts, the ISWCC and the IASCD.

**Next board meeting will be December 9,2020 at 9:00 am at a location to be determined.**

Meeting adjourned at 10:35 am.