



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

Date: April 14, 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 March’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. Restoration Partnership Presentation – Rebecca Stevens via Zoom
- b. NACD – Contribution - **ACTION ITEM**
- c. Letter of Support – **Mica Creek – 319 Application – ACTION ITEM**
- d. John Groth from Kingston-Cataldo Sewer District
- e. Letter of Support - Kingston-Cataldo Sewer District – **ACTION ITEM**

V. On Going Business

- a. Next Meeting May12, 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: April 14, 2021

Present

Bob Burke – Vice - Chairman
Laurin Scarcello – Supervisor
Linda Ely – Supervisor
Bob Flagor – Supervisor
Wes Evans – Supervisor
John Minichino, Jr. – Supervisor
Stan Thornton – Associate Supervisor/Treasurer
Karla Freeman, KSSWCD
John Growth – Kingston-Cataldo Sewer District
Valerie Wade – Panhandle Health
Bill Lillibridge – ISWCC (via telephone)

Absent (Board members)

Ed Pommerening - Chairman
Aubrey Hoxie - NRCS

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 Vice- Chairman Bob Burke at 9:00 a.m.

Laurin Scarcello moved and Wes Evans seconded the motion to approve the March 2021 minutes. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Linda Ely moved and Bob Flagor seconded the motion to approve the March 2021 financial reports. **MOTION CARRIED.**

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

Bill Lillibridge, ISWCC was in attendance via phone and gave updates. Bill updated that the ISWCC is still working with Districts on a solution for the funding match. Should this be done away with completely? If so, then the funding would be split equally among 50 Districts and out District would receive a larger base funding. Also, will there be a match cap?

Bill Lillibridge also updated that Brad Shelton is no longer with the ISWCC. He has moved over to the NRCS office and will stay in the Coeur d'Alene office.

Karla Freeman, District Administrator gave updates for on going projects within the District.

Karla updated that the tree sale was a success and had two boxes of trees left to sell.

Karla updated that the District had received the 1st installment from the Idaho Dept. of Agriculture for the boat station program. As of to date the District has two boat station open.

Karla updated that she has already submitted a Request for Allocation to the Kootenai County Commissioners for the FY 2022 requesting \$6,000.00 this year.

Karla updated that she has already submitted a new application for a 319 BMP grant. The application was for Mice Creek area – Larry Mundt is the landowner.

Karla updated on the no till drill article to be published in the Coeur d'Alene Press, the newspaper will run the article but will not be able to run the survey attached. They will make note in the article that if you are an interested landowner then please contact the District via email or phone to take the survey so we can gauge the local interest and need for this.

Karla also updated as a reminder of the upcoming Spring Division 1 Meeting on Friday April 23, 2021 at 9:00 am at the Kootenai Licensing Agency Building in conference room 1 A and 1 B. Karla also updated that immediately after the meeting the Pan Handle Seedling Program will be holding a meeting.

Linda Ely, Supervisor addressed the board to update on her presentation to the Kootenai County Kiwanis Club. The Kiwanis club offered volunteers for planting if we need extra help on a project. She also updated that she will be going back to work part time with Kootenai County Noxious Weed.

Wes Evans, Supervisor also addressed the board concerning the no till drill survey. Wes has reached out to ten (10) farmers in his area and explained the no till process. All ten (10) landowners were all on board and extremely interested in this possible option in the future.

Laurin Scarcello, Supervisor also addressed the board with a handout from Lazy J Ranch concerning a two (2) day workshop on regenerative ranching.

Next on the agenda was a presentation from Rebecca Stevens with the Coeur d'Alene Tribe via zoom to explain the history of how the Restoration Partnership came about, who makes up the Restoration Partnership and the projects that it represents.

Next on the agenda is the annual contribution to the NACD. Last year we donated \$500.00 Laurin Scarcello moved and Bob Flagor seconded the motion to donate the same as the previous year of \$500.00. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Next on the agenda is the letter of support from the District for the 319 BMP application for Mica Creek. Laurin Scarcello moved and Bob Flagor seconded the motion to sign and submit the letter of support. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Next on the agenda is a presentation from John Groth with the Kingston-Cataldo Sewer District. He is requesting a letter of support for their project. The Kingston-Cataldo Sewer District is wanting to implement using treated wastewater for land-based irrigation. Laurin Scarcello moved and Wes Evans seconded the motion to sign the letter of support for the Kingston – Cataldo Sewer District. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Next board meeting will be May 12, 2021 at 9:00 am at a location to be announced.

Meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m.