



Kootenai-Shoshone Soil and Water Conservation District
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Date: March 10, 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 February’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. No Till Drill - Discussion - Wes Evans
- b. Tree Seedling delivery and sorting
- c. Division 1 Spring Meeting – Updates
- d. Panhandle Seedling Program (PSP) – representative – **ACTION ITEM**
- e. Fixed Expenses - Budget – Discussion- John Minichino Jr.
- f. New Legislation Bill – ISWCC
- g. Zebra Mussels – Coeur d’Alene Press Article – Discussion – Laurin Scarcello

V. On Going Business

- a. Next Meeting April 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: March 10, 2021

Present

Ed Pommerening – Chairman
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
Duncan Pfeifer – KSSWCD/NRCS

Absent (Board members)

Aubrey Hoxie - NRCS
Brad Shelton - ISCC

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 John Minichino Jr. seconded the motion to approve the February 2021 minutes.
Motion Carried.

Bob Burke moved and Linda Ely seconded the motion to approve the February 2021 financial reports.
Motion Carried.

Aubrey Hoxie, NRCS was not in attendance but did provide a handout of the updates from her agency. Duncan Pfeifer presented Aubrey's updates and answered questions from the board.

Brad Shelton, ISWCC was not in attendance and did not have any updates.

Karla Freeman, District Administrator updated the ongoing projects:

Karla updated on the tree seedling program. At the time of the board meeting, we had 4400 trees left to sell. The District has made the last payment to the IFOA according to the payment schedule. Any additional payments to the IFOA will be for any additional trees that we take. Trees are scheduled to be delivered on April 7, 2021.

Karla updated that the MOU for the boat stations has been executed and we currently have one station open which is Cedars. This boat station opened on schedule of March 5, 2021. At this time, we have not received the first installment payment for Idaho Department of Agriculture.

Karla updated that the title and transfer of plates for the leased truck has been processed and we are currently waiting on paperwork from the state.

Karla updated that we are in the process of setting up a Spring Division Meeting to be held on Friday April 23, 2021 at 9:00 am. Sarah Garcia, District Administrator for the Bonner County SWCD will be in attendance to supply a zoom option for all board members who are not comfortable attending in person. We are in the process of finalizing everything and should be able to get an e-invite as well as an agenda out soon.

Karla updated that there is a change in the COVID 19 restrictions at the NRCS facility where our office is located. Currently NRCS can have 25% capacity, which means 3 people in at any given time to include partners. The building is still closed to visitors. The NRCS currently has a calendar that we are booking our office time on.

Karla updated that Linda Ely has been asked to do a small presentation at a local Kiwanis meeting on the role of the Conservation District.

Next on the agenda was discussion concerning the no-till drill. Wes Evans, Supervisor has been doing research on a no-till program with other Districts that have an up and running program. This would be a great service to offer our local farmers. Karla and Wes will work together on an article to be printed in the Coeur d'Alene Press to gauge interest in the community. Funding was also discussed on how to purchase this no-till drill. Karla will reach out to the NRCS to see if there are any programs or grants that the District could apply for to purchase the majority if not all the costs of a no-till drill.

Next on the agenda is voting on a representative for the Pan Handle Seedling Program. Robert Flagor volunteered if Stan Thornton would be an alternate. Bob Burke moved and Laurin Scarcello seconded the motion to have Robert Flagor as our representative and Stan Thornton as an alternate for the Pan Handle Seedling Program.
MOTION CARRIED.

Next on the agenda was a short discussion on the fixed expenses. There was a handout of our current budget.

Next on the agenda was the H297 bill (handout) that is being presented for new legislature. Bob Flagor gave some history and background information on how the IASCD came into being involved pushing new legislature that the Districts have not voted on. One of the issues with this bill is that it would cause Division 1 and Division 2 to be combined and we would lose representation of local issues. Most Districts voted on keeping the Commission status quo while Districts researched things that could be changed in the way the Commission is run.

Next on the agenda was a short discussion concerning zebra mussels. There was an article in the Coeur d'Alene press (handout) that these mussels have been found in many PETCO and PetSmart stores through Washington State, Idaho and nationwide. These mussels are being found in moss balls that are sold at the stores.

Next board meeting will be April 14, 2021 at 9:00 am at this same location.

Meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m.