

**BENEWAH SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT**  
**MEETING MINUTES**

**Date: February 13, 2024**

**Time: 5:00 PM**

**Place: USDA Service Center Plummer ID 83851 & Teleconference**

**Attendees:**

**USDA Service Center**

Ree Brannon, BSWCD	by Zoom
Tim Schaffer, Chair	Corey Bosen, NRCS
Sherry Klaus, Supervisor	Tyler Opp, CDA Tribe
Leann Daman, Supervisor	Rebecca Stevens, CDA Tribe
Larry Cooke, Supervisor	Bill Lillibridge
David Crabtree, Supervisor	
Jenna Ditzel, ISWCC	

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 PM by Chair Tim Schaffer.

**NRCS**

Corey gave his report (see attached). NRCS is waiting for the Programs Assistant position to be re-advertised. The new Soil Conservationist, Eric Choker, has started. The Town Hall meeting is scheduled for March 12<sup>th</sup> from 9-1 at Scheffelmaier Meats Country Barn. Corey reviewed the status of EQIP and CSP programs.

**ISWCC**

Jenna reviewed the status of the current WQPA Program. At this time the 2024 WQPA program has not been approved yet by the legislature. 319 applications open on April 15<sup>th</sup>. Ag BMP opens March 15. She has met with AVISTA staff who are interested in working with the District on the slack water portions of the St Maries and St. Joe Rivers.

**BSWCD**

Ree Brannon provided a review of the BSWCD report (see attached). She reviewed the set up for the Town Hall meeting that will be hosted by Kootenai-Shoshone and Benewah Districts.

The St. Joe streambank reimbursement was submitted and Ree shared the folder of documentation. Ree updated the board on the status of the tree seedling sales and the ads in place to encourage more purchases.

**District Business**

**Leann Daman moved to approve the January meeting minutes and Sherry Klaus seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

**Tim Schaffer moved to accept financials as presented and Leann Daman seconded. Motion carried.**

Correspondence: Ree updated the Board on the recent legislative activity regarding PERSI exemptions and District elections.

Because the Town Hall Meeting is scheduled on the same day as the March meeting and two Board members will be gone as well, the March meeting was cancelled and the next regular meeting will be April 9, 2024, at 5:00 PM. By consensus, the board agreed to review the Annual and 5-year plans in the coming month and have Tim sign the certificate.

By common consensus the board adjourned the general meeting at 6:15 PM and to enter into Executive

Respectfully submitted,

Ree Brannon, Benewah SWCD

**Approved:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Dated:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Recap of Motions:**

- **Accept financial reports**
- **Approval of previous meeting minutes**