

## BENEWAH SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

### MEETING MINUTES

**Date:** Tuesday, April 9, 2024  
**Time:** 5:00 P.M.  
**Place:** USDA Service Center Plummer, ID 83851 & Teleconference

#### Attendees:

##### USDA Service Center

Ree Brannon, BSWCD  
Tim Schaffer, Chair  
Sherry Klaus, Supervisor  
Leann Daman, Supervisor  
Larry Cooke, Supervisor  
David Crabtree, Supervisor  
Jenna Ditzel, ISWCC  
There were no attendees by zoom.

The meeting was called to order at 5:02 pm.

#### NRCS

Corey Bensen, Team Lead, was not in attendance but he had submitted his report (see attached)

#### ISWCC

Jenna reviewed the latest legislative updates for the Commission. A budget meeting is scheduled for April 30<sup>th</sup>. The Commission survey is due July 30. She also mentioned that she had contacted Benewah Extension to see if they might be interested in collaborating on a farm tour. The Board indicated that they were interested in a potential tour. Jenna and Ree will continue to explore ideas.

#### BSWCD

Ree reviewed her report (see attached). She reported on the Town Hall meeting in Cataldo (March 12, 2024). Jenna and Ree had a very informative day with Jonathan Daman touring around the county and seeing different farming techniques. She and Jenna talked about their visits to St. Joe sites with Keith Swallows (NRCS), Bill Lillibridge (ISWCC), landowners and DEQ staff on separate visits. The Board noted that they would prefer to focus on road projects for the 2024 §319 application. Jenna had sent an email to Chris Schnepf about our excess in larch seedlings. He forwarded to his group and we received tree orders right away. Ultimately, we sold all the seedlings.

#### District Business

**Larry Cooke moved and Leann Daman seconded to approve February 2024 meeting minutes. Motion carried. Leann Daman moved and Sherry Klaus seconded to accept Feb/March Financial reports as presented, with a note to provide more information on the tree sales tax reported on the balance sheet. Motion carried.** (Subsequent review shows that the \$1230.19 sales tax paid to ID State Tax Commission is correct as ~\$800 was paid for the sales from Jan. 1 to June 30 and was correct).

**Leann Daman moved and Sherry Klaus seconded to approve the FY2024 Budget. Motion carried.**

**Correspondence**

Leann shared a flyer for Tensed Days and a contact number. Travis Jones, IASCD Director, sent an email updating the Districts on Legislative Action. Karla had sent a flyer to the Districts reminding everyone of the Working Lands & Open Space Symposium. Idaho State Tax Commission sent a letter advising us that we were due a refund for overpaid withholding taxes.

**Upcoming**

Next board Meeting **May 14**, 2024 at 5pm.

**Adjournment ACTION ITEM**

By consensus, the meeting adjourned at 6:45pm.