

BENEWAH SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
MEETING MINUTES

Date: September 10, 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	Jenna Ditzel, ISWCC
Sherry Klaus, Supervisor	
Leann Daman, Supervisor	
Larry Cooke, Supervisor	
David Crabtree, Supervisor	
Steve Cuvala, IDL, retired	
Corey Bensen, NRCS	
Mari Stephens	

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

NRCS

Corey gave his report (see attached). NRCS re-advertised for the Programs Assistant position. They should be getting the certificate of applicants shortly. The LWG will be Oct. 29th, from 1-5 at IDL building in CDA. EQIP deadline is October 4th. Still have IRA funds as Act Now and landowners can sign up through March 7th to be considered for 2025 funding.

ISWCC

Jenna reviewed the status of the current WQPA Program. There is a WQPA video on the Commission's website. George Hitz is the new operations manager. Loretta Strickland is the ag program manager now. Match funds should be received in November.

BSWCD

Ree Brannon provided a review of the BSWCD report (see attached). The 2025 Tree Seedling Order is updated and she made a note that KSSWCD prices will go up in 2026. The Sheep/Smith Creek application has been submitted. The St. Joe Report was finalized and submitted and the final reimbursement request was submitted as well. Jenna and Ree met with Riverside neighbors on the St. Joe to discuss streambank stabilization. Dave asked that Bill give the Board an update on the Moses Mountain 319 project. There will be a field evaluation on Moses Mtn and St. Joe with DEQ. Sam.gov has been renewed for another year. Match certification was submitted to ISWCC and we have received \$14,500 to date. The crop signs were installed with the help of the FFA students. A write-up of their help was submitted to St. Maries Gazette and it was published July 17. A letter of thanks was sent to the FFA instructor, Glen Sailors and a check for \$250. Ree got the application submitted for the credit card

at Umpqua Bank. It got approved. Ree set up a booth at Tensed Days. Jenna and Ree set up presentation for the rainfall simulator for the 6th Grade Camp at Forever Green Tree. Ree set up a booth for Benewah County Fair. Ree set the date of September 28th as her last day and reported that she had set up advertising for the position in the Gazette for July and Nickelsworth in August. She is working to complete storage/archiving electronic files.

District Business

Leann Daman moved to approve the January meeting minutes and David Crabtree seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Leann Daman moved to accept financials as presented and Dave Crabtree seconded. Motion carried.

Correspondence: Ree updated the Board on the tentative agenda for IASCD conference and the insurance premium increase for ICRMP.

Upcoming:

Next board meeting is December 10th, 2024 @5pm.

Adjournment Item:

By common consensus the board adjourned the general meeting at 6:45 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**