

BENEWAH SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

MEETING MINUTES

Date: Tuesday, June 11, 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
David Crabtree, Supervisor
Jenna Ditzel, ISWCC
Corey Bonsen – NRCS (zoom)
Tyler Opp – CDA Tribe (zoom)
Bill Lillibridge – ISWCC (zoom)

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

NRCS

Corey Bonsen, Team 2 Lead, reviewed his report (see attached). Despite the advertising, the Team has not been successful in getting and admin assistant. They have offered a position for partner biologist from Pheasants Forever that was accepted. Date, time and location for October LWG needs to be determined by June 28, 2024. EQIP has 63 contracts approved and 4 more are pre-approved.

ISWCC

Jenna reviewed her report (see attached). Staff changes in the state office – Loretta is moving from Deputy Administrator to Ag Program Manager managing WQPA and TMDL. She will present the FY2025 WQPA at the June 20th Commission meeting. They will fill her Admin/Ops position ASAP. She reminded us that Financial & Match reports are due August 16 and local funds should be deposited by June 28 into each District's Account. District Survey is due July 31st.

BSWCD

Ree reviewed her report (see attached). **Tree sales** – Ree reviewed income and expenses for 2024 and estimated income for 2025. She discussed potential changes to the order form for 2025, but the Board asked her to find out what the other Districts are charging and check out JD Lumber prices. Their understanding was that all Districts should be charging the same. She reviewed PSP meeting discussions now that all seedlings will be grown by K&C and reviewed the invoices from Bonner CD to finish out 2024 and pay 50% toward grow cost for 2025. **Sheep/Smith Creek culverts.** – Ree reviewed the designs again (squash pipe and half-round). She mentioned that she had attended the Benewah Commissioners meeting on May 28 and Jim Roletto (County Roads) was there. He confirmed that it was fine with the roads to do half-round pipe and it was of interest to the Tribe because it maintained the natural

streambed features. **Crop Signs** - The FFA students and Glenn Sailors, FFA Instructor, met to help put the signs up on May 29th. Tami (FSA) made maps of crops in fields along Hwy 95, Lovell Valley and Tekoa Hwy. I selected sites and marked on the maps and organized signs according to stops. Next date for putting up crop signs is June 10th and FFA will join us again. Ree will get something to the Gazette about FFA helping. By consensus, the Board agreed to send a check for \$250 to support FFA for its support of our program. **Community Credit Card** – Umpqua has a credit card for non-profits that makes it a little easier to make recurring payments like annual fees for WiX and McAfee. Ree will look into this specific one and see what the starting limit is and whether a personal guarantor is needed.

District Business

Leann Daman moved and Tim Schaffer seconded to approve April 9 minutes (May meeting was cancelled). Motion carried.

By consensus, the Board tabled the approval of the April/May minutes until Ree had a chance to meet with Alpine Summit CPAs and resolve the uncleared payments from tree sales.

Tim Schaffer moved and Leann Daman seconded to approve the FY 2025 budget with revisions as necessary. Motion carried.

Correspondence

Ree reviewed the correspondence. The Local Government Registry is ramping up notifications and training for filing budgets in the registry. Tom Daniel sent out draft minutes for the IASCD meeting on May 29, 2024.

Upcoming

Next board Meeting July 9, 2024 at 5pm.

Adjournment ACTION ITEM

By consensus, the meeting adjourned at 6:52pm.