

BUTTE SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
Board Meeting Minutes for August 20th, 2020
Business Incubation Center, Arco, ID
and via conference call

Present: Randy Purser, Todd Perkes, Hayden Isham, Mindy Hawley, Stephanie Barnes.

Guests Present: David Callister – Butte County Extension

Via teleconference: Frances Perkes – Butte SWCD, Jennie Weathered – Butte SWCD, Jesse Fullmer – NRCS, Rob Sharpnack - ISWCC

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Chairman Randy Purser at 12:10 p.m.

Approve Minutes: A motion was made by Todd Perkes to accept the July minutes as written. A second was made by Hayden Isham. Voting Aye: Todd Perkes, Randy Purser, Hayden Isham. Voting Nay: None. **Motion Approved.**

Treasurer’s Report: Frances Perkes provided the monthly treasurer’s report and checks to be approved and signed. A motion was made by Todd Perkes to approve the treasurer’s report and sign the checks. A second was made by Hayden Isham. Voting Aye: Todd Perkes, Randy Purser, Hayden Isham. Voting Nay: None. **Motion Approved.**

Discussion was made to add Hayden Isham to the East Idaho Credit Union bank account.

Discussion was made on rates for the new drill. A motion was made by Hayden Isham and seconded by Todd Perkes to set the rental rates for the drill at \$12/acre with a minimum daily charge of \$100. Voting Aye: Todd Perkes, Randy Purser, Hayden Isham. Voting Nay: None. **Motion Approved.**

Discussion was made on what to do with the old drill. A motion was made by Todd Perkes and seconded by Hayden Isham to sell the old drill for a minimum of \$3,000. Voting Aye: Todd Perkes, Randy Purser, Hayden Isham. Voting Nay: None. **Motion Approved.**

Monthly Reports:

NRCS: Jesse Fullmer provided an update on NRCS activities. Jesse was awarded the Team Lead position for the Arco Field Office. The building remodel has been pushed off until a later date.

BSWCD Employee Reports: Jennie Weathered provided an update on her work activities for the past month and provided a written report for the Board’s review. Mindy discussed the upcoming annual 6th grade Natural Resources Tour and will work closely with the schools to see if COVID-19 restrictions will affect the event. Mindy provided the dates for the 2021 Envirothon, it will be held April 26-27 at the Living Waters Ranch

in Challis. Stephanie Barnes provided the Summer newsletter and Conservation Tour flyer for the Board.

Butte County Extension: David Callister gave an update on the County Fair. Discussion was made to have an advisory committee meeting with the board members this fall or winter.

USFWS: Jesse Fullmer presented the board with a project that will utilize some of the funding in the USFWS account. The project will pay for installing wildlife fence markers for a current EQIP project that installed a fence along a high traffic highway section. The cost of the project will be \$2,000. A motion was made by Todd Perkes to fund the project, a second was made by Hayden Isham. Voting Aye: Todd Perkes, Randy Purser, Hayden Isham. Voting Nay: None. **Motion Approved.**

ISWCC: Rob Sharpnack joined via telephone to discuss Commission updates with the board. The Franklin SWCD lawsuit has been resolved. The ISWCC's loan program limit will be increased to \$600,000 pending approval by the legislature. Rob will send out a survey that needs to be completed by the end of August. Discussion was made on the draft TMDL. Rob will incorporate the suggestions into the draft.

Old Business:

Discussion of the Little Lost River TMDL was held and suggestions were provided to Rob Sharpnack.

New Business:

NACD TA Grant – District Match: A summary of the District's match and proposed expenses were discussed by the board. A motion was made by Todd Perkes to provide a scholarship for Jennie Weathered's University courses this Fall in the amount of \$3,255.42. A second was made by Hayden Isham. Voting Aye: Todd Perkes, Randy Purser, Hayden Isham. Voting Nay: None. **Motion Approved.**

Next Meeting Date: The next meeting will be held on September 17th, 2020 at noon at the Business Incubation Center in Arco, however, it may be moved to coincide with the 6th grade Natural Resources Tour.

A motion to adjourn was made at 1:32 p.m. by Hayden Isham, second by Todd Perkes. Voting Aye: Todd Perkes, Randy Purser, Hayden Isham. Voting Nay: None. **Motion Approved.**