

BUTTE SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
Board Meeting Minutes for September 21st, 2020
Mackay Fire Hall, Mackay, Idaho (moved from posted location due to weather)

Present: Randy Purser, Todd Perkes, Walt Johnson, Mindy Hawley, Stephanie Barnes, Jennie Weathered.

Guests Present: Lori Ringel – High County RC&D

Via telephone: Frances Perkes – Butte SWCD, Jesse Fullmer – NRCS, Rob Sharpnack - ISWCC

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Chairman Randy Purser at 1:55p.m.

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

Treasurer's Report: A motion was made by Todd Perkes to approve the treasurer's report and sign the checks. A second was made by Walt Johnson. Voting Aye: Todd Perkes, Randy Purser, Walt Johnson. Voting Nay: None. **Motion Approved.**

Monthly Reports:

NRCS: Jesse Fullmer provided an update on NRCS activities via telephone. An update on the number of contracts new for 2020 was provided. Discussion was made on how to host Local Work Group meetings this year while considering COVID-19 restrictions. Jesse provided a summary of a NRCS program referred to as PL-566 that would provide watershed wide funding. He suggested a meeting be held with the District's partners to determine if this would be a good option for our area.

A motion was made by Todd Perkes to hold a town hall meeting with the District's partners and NRCS to discuss the PL-566 program. A second was made by Walt Johnson. Voting Aye: Todd Perkes, Randy Purser, Walt Johnson. Voting Nay: None. **Motion Approved.**

BSWCD Employee Reports: Jennie Weathered provided an update on her work activities for the past month. She asked if the board would be willing to cover the cost of hotel during the week-long Idaho NRCS bootcamp that takes place October 26th-30th. All were in favor of providing hotel funding.

Mindy Hawley provided follow-up information on the 6th grade natural resources tour held early in the day. She has had interest in the District's speech contest as well.

Stephanie Barnes updated the board on items needed for grant reporting. Approval was given to mail postcards out to producers with information on the no-till drill and the pesticide container recycling program.

High Country RC&D: Lori Ringel provided an update on recently finished and ongoing grants being completed through the RC&D.

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. The FY2022 budget has been submitted with no increases, they are awaiting approval from the State. Rob will need a letter of support for the temperature TDML implementation plan document discussed during the last meeting.

Old Business:

Speech Contest: The annual speech contest will be held on October 15th. Discussion was made on prizes with 1st place set at \$50, 2nd place set at \$30, and 3rd place set at \$20.

ISWCC's Little Lost River TMDL implementation plan: Rob will need a letter of support for the temperature TDML implementation plan document discussed during the last meeting.

New Business:

EICU account: Todd Perkes gave an update on switching the District's EICU account to a business account. The board members who need signature authority will all need to go to the bank at the same time. This topic was tabled until next month.

Franklin SWCD letters: Discussion was made on letters received from the Franklin SWCD, other Districts, and the Division VI IASCD director regarding handling of the funding returned to the Districts as an outcome of the Franklin SWCD settlement. Discussion will continue next month as more Districts and the ISWCC have time to respond to the letters.

Next Meeting Date: The next meeting will be held on October 15th, 2020 at noon at the Business Incubation Center in Arco.

A motion to adjourn was made at 3:35 p.m. by Walt Johnson, second by Todd Perkes. Voting Aye: Todd Perkes, Randy Purser, Walt Johnson. Voting Nay: None. **Motion Approved.**