

LEWIS SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT BOARD MEETING

March 4, 2024

USDA Service Center, Nezperce, ID 83543

Jonathan Rosenau called the meeting to order at 8:31 a.m.

SUPERVISORS PRESENT:

Jonathan Rosenau, Greg Branson, Tyler Nelson, Conner McLeod

SUPERVISORS ABSENT:

Drew Leitch

OTHERS PRESENT:

Janette Mendenhall, LSCD; Eileen Rowan, ISWCC

MINUTES:

Greg Branson moved; Conner McLeod seconded to approve the minutes of the February meeting. M/C

FINANCIAL REPORT:

Tyler Nelson moved; Greg Branson seconded to approve the financial report for February. M/C

Tyler Nelson moved; Greg Branson seconded to approve the following bills. M/C

BILLS:

Taxes – See Financial Report

Payroll – See Financial Report

Century Link - \$88.99 - Internet – District

QuickBooks Online - \$70.00 - Payroll & Accounting Monthly Subscription – District

SIF - \$30.00 - Policy Premium – District

Eli Rad - \$150.00 – Donation - District

Mike Nestor - \$1,200.00 – Speaker fee for Soil Health Workshop – District

Greencreek Altar Society - \$1,050.00 – Meals for Soil Health Workshop – District

Janette Mendenhall - \$68.00 – Postage Stamps – District

CORRESPONDENCE:

See report.

COMMISSION UPDATES:

Eileen Rowan gave the commission updates. The Commission and IASCD are going before the Ag Affairs Committee to get their budgets approved. This includes \$1,000,000 for WQPA which is down from \$5,000,000. It will be a lot more competitive, or the districts will get a lot less.

GRANTS:

IDL - Western Fire Managers FY24 - Western Lewis County - Winchester Phase III, hopefully we'll see money somewhere between July and September. We submitted it last year. IDL submitted it to the Forest Service last month.

IDL - Western Fire Managers FY25 - Kamiah Foothills Fuels Reduction Project was submitted to IDL. They will submit it to the Forest Service next year.

Eileen explained how she keeps her lists of people that she has for projects.

She is trying to get ahold of people to know who wants to do what so she can do some cost estimates. She thought of doing part of it on a Lewis County Water Quality Improvement State Ag and the other part on a WQPA. She got ahold of a few people.

The grants that we have that are existing are almost done.

The Board reviewed the Conservation Plan Modification for Big Canyon Implementations contract BC-02.

Greg Branson moved; Tyler Nelson seconded to approve and sign the BC-02 modification. M/C

Greg Branson moved; Tyler Nelson seconded to approve and sign the BC-02 Cost Share Payment Application. M/C

Greg Branson mentioned that the highway going out of town was going to be redone and the culverts would need to be replaced. The Prairie Highway District doesn't have enough money for it, so if there's something that comes up, they could use it up on culverts. Eileen mentioned that a \$319 could be done for culverts and that if we applied now, we would have the money July 2025.

The Board reviewed the Priority Ranking Sheet for CJ Mosman and Son. He is buying precision management equipment. Tyler Nelson moved; Greg Branson seconded to rank the project high priority for the RCRDP Loan. M/C

Eileen discussed a grant opportunity to plant trees with a grant through Nez Perce County. FEMA would buy the trees and bamboo stakes. She asked if the district wanted to be involved in that.

There was discussion about changing the way the district pays bills.

There was discussion about the LUMA issues with the State Controller's Office.

FIVE YEAR PLAN AND ANNUAL REVIEW:

The 5-Year Plan and Annual Review is due March 31.

Tyler Nelson moved; Greg Branson seconded to approve and sign the 5-Year Plan and Annual Work Plan certificate of adoption and certification. M/C

I & E:

Janette gave the updates.

Hatchery in the Classroom - picking up steelhead eggs and delivering to classrooms on March 21st.

Noxious Weed Poster Contest - presentation will be given and materials passed out to third grade classes at Nezperce, Kamiah, and Craigmont during the week of March 18-22nd.

6th Grade Field Day will be Wednesday, May 15th. Instructors have all responded and will be available.

The IASCD Poster Contest will take place during Stewardship Week, April 28th through May 5th. This year's theme is "May the Forest Be With You Always". The contest will be for 4th, 5th, and 6th grade classes.

SOIL HEALTH WORKSHOP:

The Board agreed that the 10th Annual Soil Health Workshop went well. If we receive our full deposit for the hall rental, we will be \$450 in the black.

IASCD DIVISION II MEETING:

The Spring Division Meeting is coming up. Latah Soil and Water Conservation District is due to host. No date or location has been announced. TBD.

DC REPORT:

No DC update. Janette said she could go to the town hall meeting taking place in Orofino. It's an outreach opportunity.

NEXT MEETING:

The next meeting will be Tuesday, April 2, 2024, at 8:30 am.

COMMISSIONER PRESENTATION:

The board went to the Commissioners' Office for the District's presentation scheduled for 9:30 a.m. The

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Tyler Nelson moved; Greg Branson seconded to go into executive session pursuant to Section 74-206(d), Idaho Code at 10:15 a.m., to discuss a contract matter. Tyler Nelson moved; Conner McLeod seconded to exit the session at 10:35. M/C

ADJOURNMENT:

Greg Branson moved; Tyler Nelson seconded to adjourn the meeting at 10:37 a.m. M/C