BENEWAH SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT MEETING MINUTES

Date: July 12, 2022

Time: 5:00 PM

Place: USDA Service Center Plummer, ID & Teleconference

Attendees:

USDA Service Center

Kylie Daman, BSWCD Sherry Klaus, Supervisor Tim Schaffer, Chairman Leann Daman, Associate Supervisor

VIA ZOOM

Katie Yoder, ISWCC Bill Lillibridge, ISWCC Corey Bonsen, NRCS Rebecca Stevens, Couer d'Alene Tribe Dave Crabtree, Supervisor

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

NRCS

Corey Bonsen gave the update for NRCS. Corey mentioned they recently had 2 more applications for EQIP be pre-approved for funding in the Beginning Farmer Pool. 1 in Kootenai County and 1 in Benewah County. Both are forestry projects. They are currently working on those applications to get them ready for funding. They are still waiting to see if they get any additional funding from the National office to possibly fund some more of the applications that have not been funded. They are currently checking out completed practices and making payments on existing contracts. NRCS did not receive any CSP applications. The NRCS team is currently working on status reviews for contracts that expire in 2023, they have a total of 66 contracts to review.

ISWCC

Katie Yoder reported that WQPA funds have been used but more may come available in the winter due to applications that could be withdrawn. Katie mentioned Conservation Districts should see their FY2023 Base Allocations funds by end of July.

BSWCD

Kylie Daman reported to the Board that Tensed Day's was a success with about 15-20 people engaging in conversation about the District and our accomplishments and goals and 7-10 kids interacting with the

wheat grinder activity provided by the Benewah County Farm Bureau. Kylie informed the Board that the District may partner with DEQ to apply for a Restoration Partnership application to complete the Hangman Creek project on the Stateline Road along Hangman Creek. She went over a new brochure idea along with an example of a folder to put all our information in to give to landowners and hand out at local events. The Board discussed applying for another NACD grant to start a sign project for the St. Joe River.

District Business

Tim Schaffer moved to approve the June 7, 2022, minutes. Sherry Klaus seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Tim Schaffer moved to accept the June financial reports as presented. Dave Crabtree seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Tim Schaffer moved to accept the amended FY2022 Budget as presented. Sherry Klaus seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Tim Schaffer moved to accept the FY2023 Budget as presented. Sherry Klaus seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Tim Schaffer moved to approve the Financial & Match report. Sherry Klaus seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Tim Schaffer moved to approve the §319 grant proposal for Moses Mountain Road Sediment Reduction application. Dave Crabtree seconded motion. Motion carried.

The next regular meeting will be September 13, 2022, at 5:00 PM.

By common consensus the board adjourned at 5:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Kylie Daman, Benewah SWCD

Approved:

Recap of Motions:

- Approval of previous meeting minutes
- Accepted financial reports

- Accepted amended FY2022 Budget
- Accepted FY2023 Budget
- Approve financial & match report
- Approve §319 grant proposal for Moses Mountain Road Sediment Reduction application