

SOUTH DOUGLAS CONSERVATION DISTRICT
SUPERVISORS' MEETING
June 3, 2019

Meeting was called to order 7:00 p.m. Present were Eileen Bone, Jeff Rock, Joe Sprauer, Jeff Rock, Mike Lesky, Carolyn Kelly, Carol Cowling, Bob Nansel – NRCS, Wade Troutman – FCCD, Mike Baden – WCC, Michelle Mires-NRCS, Mia Thomsen – Waterville School, Justin Grillo – Waterville School (with several students)

Justin Grillo's Waterville Grade School students gave a presentation of their studies down at Douglas Creek. (Delaney, Chance, Evan, Dakota, Wyatt) Douglas Creek is healthy. The class does several tests (ph, temp, nitrates) The area is no longer grazed so is overgrown with lots of ticks. This is an ongoing program that Waterville School sponsors for grade school students.

Mia Thomsen, FFA and science teacher, updated us on the Waterville School greenhouse. The greenhouse itself will cost about 34,000 (18 x 36). The electrical component has been estimated at 17,500 – she will seek more estimates. 5-6000 for the concrete foundation. Once complete, it will be used for FFA and other classes as well as an annual plant sale, similar to other area schools sales.

Justin, students, and Mia out at this time.

May meeting minutes were approved. **Motion:** Jeff/Eileen/ Passed
Special Meeting minutes – May 21, approved. **Motion:** Mike/Jeff/passed.

Financial statements and bills to be paid submitted. **Motion:** Jeff/Eileen/Passed.
(V 4273--4278= \$ 6623.35)

Discussion of optimizing the current grant funding (IM 19-23IM)

1. Enviroscope for use by local schools (est cost 1200) **Motion:** Eileen/Mike/passed.

Mike thought there may also be a table model for Firewise.

2. Other supplies or office needs. **Motion:** Mike/Eileen/passed.

NRCS Report - Bob discussed 7 Wildfire and 1 Air Quality applications that may receive funding. He had information on the Soil Simulator project that NRCS is promoting. By replicating various field scenarios (dryland, cover crop, etc) the effect on soil erosion can be seen. He will have more information about this and possible demonstrations later.

WCC Report – Mike Baden reminded us of an August meeting in Ellensburg to discuss the CD election process. Our funding will be 95,600 for 2019-2020. Jeff and Carol need to renew their Open Government Meeting training. Can be done online.

Old Business

South Douglas/Foster Creek MOA –Carolyn and Jeff working with Doug Poole, FC. No reply from FC yet. The MOA would need to include language that would hold either District harmless if they work in the adjacent district on a project. A release of liability form.

VSP –No final budget has been approved. Objectives set but no associated budget.

CWMA – Concerns about the mapping process. No herbicide fact sheet available. Still unclear on direction this is taking.

Spring Chipping Day was May 29. Seven chipping sites. Plan for fall chipping if there is interest.

Joe, Jeff, Carolyn and Carol met with DoCo Commissioners May 21. Good discussion and updated on what South Douglas does. The Commissioners are not currently interested in a weed board in Douglas County.

Do Co Land and Transportation Services has contacted South Douglas about a project in Sand Canyon directly behind the County's offices on 19th Street, EW. Carol asked if they had talked to WA Fish and Wildlife about the project and Jenny said no. This is not going to be an easy project and probably not happen at all. Jeff and Carolyn had gone down to look at the area and agreed going in and clearing and replanting could cause more problems. Also the area is currently a spray buffer. Carol is waiting to hear back from the County.

New Business

Carol had contacted Kimberly Gormley, (Signs Etc) about a South Douglas sign for the office. Motion: Jeff/Eileen/passed.

New Grant Master Contract signed.

Cascadia CD has asked if we would be interested in an educator to work in Douglas County. We are interested and will get more information as the position develops.

Waterville Library is hosting Summer Insect Days. Mike Lesky will attend. Foster Creek is also participating.

Meeting Adjourned 9:20 p.m.

Auditor

Recorder