

SOUTH DOUGLAS CONSERVATION DISTRICT
SUPERVISORS' MEETING

June 1, 2020

This meeting was conducted by conference call

Meeting was called to order 7:00 p.m. Present were Eileen Bone, Jeff Rock, Lindsey Morrison, Mike Lesky, Carolyn Kelly, Joe Sprauer, Carol Cowling, Bob Nansel – NRCS, Mike Baden - WCC

May meeting minutes were approved. **Motion:** Jeff/Lindsey
Financial statements and bills to be paid submitted. **Motion:** Mike/Jeff/Passed.
(V 4356—4364 = \$6,416.25)

NRCS Report – Bob discussed the Local Working Group priorities. Air quality, wildlife habitat, soil health and expiring CRP projects are being developed. Resource concerns include plant health, wildfires from biomass on range and croplands (CRP) and organic depletion. Bob stated Amanda Phillips, Pheasants Forever, has been hired for the Waterville office. She has been doing some site visits. Other topics covered CSP?CRP plans for signatures, applications, etc . Wildlife plans will be prioritized for sage grouse and pygmy rabbits.

WCC Report – Mike Baden updated us on the budget for the coming year. Funding has been cut 15%. How that will impact CDs in not clear. For now, only funding for the first six months at full amount budgeted. WCC is working on support for food systems and working with producers. No decision of if WCC will come to South Douglas for their September meeting. Currently all their meetings are on line, which is safer and cheaper. All CD elections have been certified for 2020. Election procedures are being updated.

Old Business

VSP Update – Our funding request for newsletter VSP article has not been answered by Foster Creek.

CWMA update –Discussion on virtual weed tour of the County. Not practical at this time.

Carolyn is working on the joint letter with Foster Creek about sharing a planner, to be housed in the NRCS office, for a minimum two year project. **Motion** to continue: Jeff/Joe/passed.

Cost Share Projects

1. Steve Thomsen –Project is complete. Final paperwork is needed.
2. Justin Grillo – He is ready to begin. Cost will be \$4000. Cost share of 75% - not to exceed \$3,000. **Motion:** Jeff/Eileen/passed
3. Canyon Creek Condos – still working on project. Will complete by 6/30
4. Maria Bustillos – Orchard upgrade. She is changing to Kiwis. Michelle Mires is helping with the design and concerns. Will complete by 6/30.

Spring Chipping will be June 10.

We will schedule a site visit for Brad Johnson, McCartney Creek, after Mike Lesky is out of school. After June 17.

New Business

Jason Sunstrom, Badger Mountain, inquired about the possibility of getting a water tank for fire suppression and control. Carolyn stated Skagit CD had a similar project a few years ago. We will see what we can find out. Withrow is also interested in such a project.

Meeting adjourned 8:45 p.m.