

SOUTH DOUGLAS CONSERVATION DISTRICT  
SUPERVISORS' MEETING

October 5, 2020

This meeting was conducted by conference call

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

September meeting minutes were approved. **Motion:** Jeff/Joe/Passed  
Financial statements and bills to be paid submitted. **Motion:** Lindsey/Joe/Passed.  
(V 4382—4385 = \$3,265.40)

**NRCS Report** – Bob discussed several topics. CSP payments are scheduled. EQIP signup period ongoing. Several options for fire recovery. Some burned acreage is greening up, but mostly grasses. Perennials may need rain before any recovery. FSA is working on emergency grazing plans. But this is only for CRP fields, not SAFE acreage.

**WCC Report** – Mike Baden updated us on the new election changes. No longer can districts automatically elect a supervisor if only candidate files. The election notice process has been modified (less notification) and the 25 signatures for nomination is no longer required. Further election info will be coming.

**Old Business**

VSP/CWMA Update – no current info. (VSP newsletter article will be in fall edition)

Water Tanks – Badger Mntn resident thought the tanks should be closer to “forest”. It was explained to him the Fire Department will be filling the tank, it is not potable water, and the fire trucks need ready access to the water. The one in Withrow will be on Highline Grain property.

Further discussion on the lack of consistency between NRCS, FSA and IRS on deadlines for applying for various government projects. Mike Lesky has tried to get information from Dan Newhouse office, but no return calls as yet. Maybe a resolution for the area meeting.

**New Business**

Tom Salzer, WACD Executive Director, sent a template letter for us to adjust to South Douglas concerns, about the 21-23 Budget. **Motion** to send letter: Jeff/Joe/passed. Carol will work on it with Carolyn.

Lindsey has talked with Will Carpenter, about brush piles to create habitat for small animals and birds affected by the wildfires. Will said as long as the wood is from the same county, a clean source and a written policy or proposal from Fish and Wildlife, it could be done. Questions about possibility of old Lombardy poplars for a source.

Mia Thomsen, Waterville School, has started a fire assistance program for those displaced by the fires. The list is available on the school’s facebook page.

Information on Fall Chipping will go out in Fall newsletter. One day dedicated to Badger Mntn.

**Cost Share Projects**

1. Ryan Roberts, our area engineer, went out to Jeff Smoke and Jeff Rock’s projects. He will submit more info and cost estimates.
2. Brent Billingsley submitted a cost share proposal for a solar pumping for livestock water. More info needed.
3. Justin would like assistance on his wildlife, erosion control project. Board would like more information on the total plan for the project, rather than piecemeal. Carol will contact.

Meeting adjourned 9.00 p.m.

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Recorder