

SOUTH DOUGLAS CONSERVATION DISTRICT  
SUPERVISORS' MEETING

January 4, 2021

This meeting was conducted by conference call

Meeting was called to order 7:00 p.m. Present were Eileen Bone, Jeff Rock, Joe Sprauer, Carolyn Kelly, Carol Cowling, Bob Nansel – NRCS, Mike Baden – WCC, Rachel McClure – Rep. Newhouse office, Brent Billingsley

December meeting minutes were approved. **Motion:** Jeff/Eileen/Passed  
Financial statements and bills to be paid submitted. **Motion:** Jeff/Eileen/Passed.  
(V 439—4402 = \$2123.75)

Rachel McClure – Rep. Dan Newhouse office, was on the phone to discuss several areas:

1. Has been researching the inconsistencies with deadlines for various state and federal programs.
2. Discussion about the expiring CRP in Douglas County. While it may be addressed in the 2023 Farm Bill, the need is now. It would be a shame to loss the existing habitat, then try to reestablish. Any Covid relief to farmers has not been finalized. (FSA has not heard)
3. No federal disaster declaration for Douglas County for fire recovery so little federal funding available. It is still on the President's desk.
4. We would like to thank Rachel for attending our meetings and look forward to working with her in the future.

**NRCS Report** – Bob updated us on several programs. Federal funding is secure thru 9/30/21. Several NRCS positions are open: Forester in OK County, Position in Waterville office is being developed. EQIP applications due by 2/26. The contracts to be checked are hampered by the winter weather.

**WCC Report** – Mike updated us on the State budget. There will be a 5% cut to start, but WCC has been aware of this and are making decisions. The orca language in the implementation grants has been eliminated, but funding should stay the same. There is no CTA (technical) funding available. There will be home assessment training available this spring for CD staff.

### **Old Business**

VSP virtual meeting – Elizabeth Jackson, FC VSP coordinator, is leaving to join Cascadia CD staff. There will be a job notice going out soon. She will finish the 5 year plan report before leaving. Two WRIA in Douglas County, Crab Creek and Grand Coulee, have not been addressed in the plan. Some wildlife goals could not be met due to orchard restraints (never should have been included) Cannot include orchards as pollinator field,

CWMA Zoom meeting – meeting coming up

CWPP update – Nolan Brewer has said funding may not be available as previously anticipated. Focus will be on pre fire planning, not post fire recovery.

### **New Business**

**Resolution 21-01** – To establish meeting dates for 2021. **Motion** to approve: Jeff/Eileen/passed.

Our planning meeting is normally at our February meeting. We will move it to March, probably not meeting in person.

The NRCS planning position letter will be signed and sent on the NRCS, urging them to fill the positon in Douglas County.

### **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. **Motion** to fund \$12,000 project with 75% cost share. (\$9,000) Eileen/Jeff/passed.
3. Justin Grillo updated us on his erosion control project. No labor has been factored in. Happy to replace douglas hawthorne with elderberry.
4. Thomas Jirgensohn – Fancher Heights, is looking for assistance for his property. He is looking for complete bare ground and herbicide treatment. Mike Lesky noted previously that Mitchell’s on the river has fire resistant plantings and he will see if he can get photos so we can assist the landowner with something similar.

Meeting adjourned 8:15 p.m.

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Auditor

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Recorder