

SOUTH DOUGLAS CONSERVATION DISTRICT
SUPERVISORS' MEETING

December 7, 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, Rachel McClure – Rep. Newhouse office

November meeting minutes were approved. **Motion:** Jeff/Joe/Passed
Financial statements and bills to be paid submitted. **Motion:** Joe/Eileen/Passed.
(V 4391—4395 = \$3992.52)

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. The Douglas County dilemma of too many acres in CRP/SAFE program should be addressed in the next farm bill. Emergency grazing will also be addressed. (Emergency grazing on CRP to extend to the end of December is not real helpful.
3. No federal disaster declaration for Douglas County for fire recovery so little federal funding available
 - a. It was noted that WA Fish and Wildlife poor money management skills and there should be accommodations for wildlife habitat plantings on private land.

NRCS Report – Bob updated us on several programs. Now that the NRCS has entered a new fiscal year, Carolyn will contact Doug Poole, Foster Creek CD, about the shared planner position we had asked NRCS about previously. Carolyn will draft a new letter for distribution before next meeting. Bob said they are working on CRP expiring contracts. 85 in Do Co. It will be a challenge to visit and assess each application by 2/26/21, particularly with Covid restrictions.

WCC Report – none

Old Business

VSP/CWMA Update –

VSP virtual meeting, 11/12. No quorum, so information only. Next meeting is December 15. Working on five year report that needs quorum approval.

CWMA Zoom meeting – Discussed community urban resistance to weeds. Do we need an updated MOU for mapping of weeds in all of Douglas County?

Fall Chipping – November 18. It was delayed one week due to Covid. We chipped 15 in the East Wenatchee to Rock Island area. Badger Mtn and Waterville delayed until spring, due to snow. It is a well received program that promotes fuels reduction in the urban areas of the district.

As we cannot have an annual joint meeting with Foster Creek and Do Co Crop Improvement, Mike Lesky and board discussed several options for a meeting or tour in Summer, 2021. (possible speaker Alan Felsot, WSU to speak)

New Business

Resolution 20-E – Election resolution. Will be entirely by mail. Election Day is March 1, 2020.
Motion to approve: Joe/Jeff passed.

Approval from NCW Fair to use the Lions Den for The 2021 tree sale. Logistics will be refined.

Jeff Rock, Supervisor, is not going to run for elected supervisor in 2021. WE will need to replace him (unless we can change his mind!)

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. He might be able to attend January's meeting.
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 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.

Auditor

Recorder