

SOUTH DOUGLAS CONSERVATION DISTRICT
SUPERVISORS' MEETING

February 1, 2021

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, Carol Cowling, Bob Nansel – NRCS, Rachel McClure – Rep. Newhouse office, Jeff Smoke

January meeting minutes were approved. **Motion:** Eileen/Jeff/Passed
Financial statements and bills to be paid submitted. **Motion:** Jeff/Eileen/Passed.
(V 4403—4408 = \$1877.60)

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. Any Covid relief to farmers has not been finalized. (FSA has not heard)
3. No FEMA federal disaster declaration for Douglas County for fire recovery so little federal funding available. It is still on the President's desk.
4. There is a program for phone relief for fire damage. Will get more info.
5. Restrictions on rebuilding of homes in critical habitat areas after the fire. (Troutman)
6. 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. Interviews for Soil Conservationist in Waterville office have been scheduled. NRCS staff appreciates the shared planner letter. Their increased work load has reduced some plan objectives. The AGI issue is back out front again – timing and deadlines are not consistent across all entities.

WCC Report – none

Old Business

VSP update – the five year plan has been completed to WCC for comment period. Over 1000 pages. Comment period until July, final approval in September. Discussion of pollinator habitat in orchards (does not meet criteria) Some wildlife habitat in orchards already recognized. Although there are 4 WRIAs in Douglas County, a small one, Crab Creek on the southern tip of Douglas County, has about 3000 acres, and one up by Grand Coulee. Neither has much farm ground. South Douglas can see if there is anything to address in these small WRIAs.

CWMA - no new news. Carolyn did think there was some cost share for weed control.

New Business

Our planning meeting is normally at our February meeting. We will move it to April. Not due to WCC until end of May.

Cost Share Projects

1. Jeff Smoke erosion control and repair. Total project 10644.48. SD will fund 7983.36
Motion: Jeff/Eileen/passed.
2. Justin Grillo Soil Erosion project. Total project will be 2170.00 SD to fund 75% 1628.
Motion: Jeff/Lindsey/passed.
3. Jeff Rock erosion control and repair. Total project 13952.51. SD will fund 75%.
Motion: Lindsey/Eillen/passed. Jeff Rock abstained.
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.
5. Baxter and Fauconnier – two landowners in Orondo looking for assistance for weed control. Dale Whaley has talked to them. Carol will see if she can get any more info. Mike Lesky is aware of these landowners as well. All sand, no water.

Meeting adjourned 8:15 p.m.

Auditor

Recorder