

SOUTH DOUGLAS CONSERVATION DISTRICT
SUPERVISORS' MEETING

March 1, 2021

This meeting was conducted by conference call

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

February meeting minutes were approved. **Motion:** Eileen/Mike/Passed
Financial statements and bills to be paid submitted. **Motion:** Mike/Eileen/Passed.
(Vouchers 4409-4411 = \$1365.97)

NRCS Report – Bob updated us on several programs. Open NRCS positions in Waterville and Okanogan on hold until the budget is finalized. Air quality is not a NRCS priority, although it can be addressed locally. Which has been a big problem in Douglas County in the past. Board voiced concerns about taking out CRP for both soil erosion and wildlife habitat concerns. Bob reported they are trying conduct farmer interviews out in the field once the weather breaks.

WCC Report – No heavy budget discussions in Olympia yet. But will be coming up soon. Bills pertaining to open public meeting requirements, recording and posting of minutes, etc are in the works. Mike B reminded the board that the annual plan is due end of May, and five year plan by the end of the year. Several changes in Sch 22 for State Auditor reporting. Tom Salzer, WACD thanked us for allowing him to attend the meeting and gave a legislative update.

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. Carolyn had applied for a position on the VSP working committee, but no response from the Do Co Commissioners yet.

CWMA - Carolyn did think there was some cost share for weed control. Have not had much contact with FC and the CWMA facilitator. Mostly concentrating on northern Douglas County, although it should address all of Douglas County.

New Business

Cost Share Projects

1. Jeff Smoke erosion control and repair. In process
2. Justin Grillo Soil Erosion project. In process
3. Jeff Rock erosion control and repair. In process
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 –this is not a project for SD. Lack of water, blowing sand, no weed control, absentee owner – not much chance of success.

Our annual planning meeting will be April 5 at 11:00 a.m. at the Waterville Fire Hall. Masks and local distancing will be practiced.

Meeting adjourned 8:15 p.m.

Auditor

Recorder