

SOUTH DOUGLAS CONSERVATION DISTRICT
SUPERVISORS' MEETING
April 5, 2021
Douglas County Fire District #1 Fire Hall, Waterville, WA

Meeting was called to order 11:00 a.m. Present were Lindsey Morrison, Jeff Rock, Eileen Bone, Mike Lesky, Carolyn Kelly, Joe Sprauer, Carol Cowling, Sarah Troutman – NRCS

March meeting minutes were approved. **Motion:** Jeff/Lindsey/Passed
Financial statements and bills to be paid submitted. **Motion:** Lindsey/Jeff/Passed.
(Vouchers 4412-4419 = \$11,770.74)

NRCS Report – Sarah updated us on several programs. Preapproval for EQIP projects ongoing, with less money available than in the past, with \$18 million in WA State. Several CSP renewals need to be examined, but with limited staff, it is going to be a challenge to get them completed on time. Office occupancy down to 25% due to covid, with currently no public physical access. Local Working Group (LWG) funding is down to \$130,000 – previously had been 300,000. Very little local input, most decisions are now coming from the State. Questioned how are CD to prioritize projects in our districts when we have no say on priorities or funding.

WCC Report – No report. Budget is still not final.

Old Business

VSP update – Carolyn had applied for a position on the VSP working committee, but no response from the Do Co Commissioners yet. The current VSP coordinator, Malcom M, has left to pursue a PHD. Foster Creek will be advertising again.

CWMA - With a change in leadership, and concentrating on herbicide resistance, grant funding is in question. Not sure the program is applicable to South Douglas CD.

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. We did have contact with a landowner in Foster Creek CD that has a wildlife project in mind. They were at the Tree Sale. Carol will contact Foster Creek to see if they can assist. If not, it is a small project that we could fund. Motion: Jeff/Lindsey/passed.
6. Aguilar Cost Share project – Wildlife habitat in East Wenatchee. Good maps and description. Motion: Jeff/Lindsey/passed. Funding 1793 @ 75% = 1345
7. We do have funding available. Not sure we will exhaust all funds by 6/30. Town of Waterville or orchard update or other projects possible.

Waterville School Biocontrol project – Mia Thomsen has interest in developing this program for her FFA students. Raising, releasing and monitoring are all integral parts of this project. Good education for students and general public. Mike Lesky would work closely with Mia on the project. Two small greenhouses would be sufficient for the rearing the insects. Motion to purchase two greenhouses for education for biocontrol project: Lindsey/Jeff/passed.

Possible field trip in July to highlight several South Douglas projects. Further discussion at next meeting.

Work on annual plan.
Meeting adjourned 2:15 p.m.