

SOUTH DOUGLAS CONSERVATION DISTRICT
SUPERVISORS' MEETING
September 14, 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, Carolyn Kelly, Joe Sprauer, Carol Cowling, Bob Nansel – NRCS, Mike Baden – WCC,

July meeting minutes were approved. **Motion:** Jeff/Joe (no August meeting)
Financial statements and bills to be paid submitted. **Motion:** Joe/Jeff/Passed.
(V 4377—4381 = \$10,470.98)

NRCS Report – Bob discussed several topics. Still meeting people outside of the office. EQIP signup thru 11/20. There may be fire recovery programs available thru NRCS. Emergency Watershed Protection program – can be run thru a CD. Addresses facility damage, if human life is in imminent danger, stream bank protection, flooding. For private, not public land. FSA has access to further programs.

CRP grazing plan. Due to the fires, grazing is at a premium. Can only graze on CRP/SAFE acres with State and Federal approval. Mike Lesky thought it may be a topic for Rep. Dan Newhouse office.

WCC Report – Mike Baden updated us on the budget for the coming year. We will currently be funded for 50% of the implementation funding we had received for the previous period. Looking at a 15% cut. Mike reminded us to follow Covid-19 guidelines that WCC has posted. (We do) There is election training on October 2 for staff. September 26 election discussion for supervisors. The changes will be in effect for the next election cycle. WCC would like CDs to comment on the addition of a WA Fish & Wildlife member on the Commission board. Consensus is there are enough State entities now represented on the board.

Old Business

VSP Update – Newsletter article funding approved by VSP. Will be in next newsletter. Revising budget.

CWMA update –Carolyn is working with Ryan to develop a grant addressing several areas in Douglas County.

The joint letter with Foster Creek about sharing a planner, to be housed in the NRCS office, for a minimum two year project was answered by NRCS. They cannot currently fund this program, although the need for a planner is great.

WA State Dept. of Transportation is giving the Do Co Fire Dist. #1 two 10,000 gallon tanks for water storage for fire suppression. These tanks will go to Badger Mntn, near the fire station and Withrow, on Highline Grain property. They are currently in Orondo, and have been used for calcium chloride (salt for winter roads). Should be in place before winter.

New Business

The 2021 Douglas County Allotment request for \$2,500 was reviewed. **Motion** to send to Douglas County Commissioners. Joe/Jeff/passed.

Eileen discussed the topic of the lack of coordination between NRCS, FSA, and IRS on the paperwork needed to participate in different government programs. Producers are caught in the middle, not realizing that the deadlines are not consistent throughout all programs. This is a topic that should be addressed with Rep. Newhouse's office and possibly a resolution for the area meeting in October.

Cost Share Projects

1. Jeff Smoke has some terrace work needed. It is adjacent to Jeff Rock's land. Michelle Mires, NRCS, is familiar with project. Ryan Roberts, our area engineer, will come out to look at the project.
2. Brent Billingsley submitted a cost share proposal for a solar pumping for livestock water. More info needed.
3. Gloria Bailey – Orondo, has a knapweed problem. Mike Lesky contacted her with no further response.

Cascade Fisheries submitted a request for funding for Salmon in the Classroom in East Wenatchee. At the present time we are unsure of our funding, so Carol will send a message that we cannot fund them at this time.

There will be a CWPP (Community Wildfire Protection Plan) phone meeting, October 7, to update.

October 13 – NCW area meeting.

Cevado will update our website for \$1480. It will allow us more flexibility for providing information to the public. **Motion** to approve: Eileen/Joe/passed

Meeting adjourned 9.00 p.m.

Auditor

Recorder