

**BUTTE SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
MARCH BOARD MEETING AGENDA**

**March 16th, 2022 12:00 P.M.
USDA Service Center, Arco, ID**

CALL TO ORDER - Randy Purser, Board Chairman

APPROVE MINUTES FROM FEBRUARY
TREASURER'S REPORT

MONTHLY EMPLOYEE AND PARTNER REPORTS:

Butte SWCD employees
NRCS – Jesse Fullmer
UI Extension – David Callister
ISWCC – Brian Reed

OLD BUSINESS:

UPDATED PERSONNEL POLICY
LOST RIVER PIPELINE MEASURING DEVICE
TA GRANT RENEWAL

NEW BUSINESS:

QUICKBOOKS UPGRADE
ARBOR DAY ACTIVITIES
IDFG GRANT
IDAHO DEQ STATE AGRICULTURE GRANT - BCCC
NEXT MEETING

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Butte Soil and Water Conservation District may hold an executive session pursuant to Idaho Code 67-2345. No formal action will be taken during this session.

ADJOURN

BUTTE SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
Board Meeting Minutes for February 16th, 2022
Butte County Business Center, Arco, ID

Board Present: Randy Purser, Walt Johnson, Todd Perkes, Mark Telford

Staff Present: Mindy Hawley, Stephanie Barnes, Sara Zollinger

Guests Present: Jesse Fullmer – NRCS, David Callister – UI Extension, Brian Reed – ISWCC, Kevin Whitcomb – Big Lost River Irrigation District, Larry Quist, Charles and Rachel Barnes, Mary Krummer - ICRMP

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Randy Purser at 12:40 p.m.

Approve Minutes: Discussion was made on corrections to the January minutes. A motion was made by Walt Johnson to accept the January minutes with corrections. A second was made by Mark Telford. Voting Aye: Walt Johnson, Todd Perkes, Mark Telford, and Randy Purser. Voting Nay: None. **Motion Approved.**

Treasurer's Report: Todd Perkes provided the monthly treasurer's report and checks to be approved and signed. A motion was made by Mark Telford, with a second from Walt Johnson. Voting Aye: Walt Johnson, Todd Perkes, Mark Telford, and Randy Purser. Voting Nay: None. **Motion Approved.**

Mary Krummer with ICRMP was in attendance and gave the board an overview of coverage and answered questions.

Partner Reports:

Butte SWCD Employees and Board: Mindy Hawley gave an update on the Envirothon planning meetings and team status.

Stephanie Barnes announced that Mark and Paige Telford had been selected as winners for the regional Hugh Hammond Bennett award.

Sara Zollinger has been assisting with EQIP planning and mapping and conducting off-site GRP monitoring. She attended a soil health training. She shared that the Blaine SCD will be hosting a workshop on April 19th. Discussion was made on her remaining training needed for conservation planner status.

A motion was made to pay for half of the hotel expenses for Sara to attend a week-long conservation planner training in Caldwell by Mark Telford. A second was made by Todd Perkes. Voting Aye: Walt Johnson, Todd Perkes, Mark Telford, and Randy Purser. Voting Nay: None. **Motion Approved.**

Randy Purser gave an update on his attendance at the Butte County Commissioners meeting in January. Walt Johnson gave an update on his attendance at the Custer County Commissioners meeting in February.

NRCS: Jesse Fullmer gave an update on NRCS activities. A pathway's student will be coming to the Arco office in April for the summer. He has been working with the irrigation district to install automatic ditch measurement devices.

UI Extension: David Callister gave an update on the trial plots and upcoming educational schools.

ISWCC: Brian Reed was present to update the District on Commission activities. He will be serving as our contact until new staff is hired.

Old Business:

None.

New Business:

Office Rent for 2023: Discussion was made on the District's office rent. It was agreed to pay rent one month at a time instead of yearly.

Butte County Weed Grants: Discussion was made on the county's request to search for grants to help with the county weed department. Stephanie will follow-up with county commissioner Wes Collins for more information.

TA Grant Renewal: Discussion was made on the need for renewing the TA grant. A motion was made by Mark Telford to reapply for the NACD's technical assistance grant with a \$48,000 ask and \$12,000 match. A second was made by Walt Johnson. Voting Aye: Walt Johnson, Todd Perkes, Mark Telford, and Randy Purser. Voting Nay: None. **Motion Approved.**

Lost River Irrigation Pipeline Automated Headgate Fund Request: Jesse Fullmer presented the board with a request to help fund the purchase of an automated headgate measurement device. The board tabled this until next month.

RCPP Request from the Burnett Water Users: Stephanie will work with the NRCS to draft a RCPP request to extend the length of their ditch-to-pipeline conversion project.

2023 WQPA Applications: Discussion was made on how the District will prioritize the application requests received from local landowners to submit for WQPA funding.

Next Meeting Date: The next board meeting will be held March 16th at noon at the Natural Resources Conservation Service office in Arco.

A motion was made at 3:25 p.m. by Todd Perkes to adjourn, a second was made by Mark Telford. Voting Aye: Walt Johnson, Todd Perkes, Mark Telford, and Randy Purser. Voting Nay: None. **Motion Approved.**