**Blaine Soil Conservation District**

**Board of Supervisors Meeting**

**February 16th 2022 @ 7:00pm**

**BSCD Office, Carey, ID**

Present were: Chris Johnson; Chairman, Kathi Noble; Sec/Tres Wade Prescott ; supervisor, Bob Simpson Vice Chairman, Jesse Fulmer and Samantha Spalding; NRCS, Kelsey Barg, Administrative Assistant,

Chairman called the meeting to order @ 7: 12 p.m.

**Minutes**

* The minutes from the previous meeting were reviewed. Wade motioned to approve the minutes as presented, Bob seconded the motion, all were in favor, motioned was carried.

**Administrative Assistant Report**

* Kelsey gave the financial report. Wade moved to approve the financial and task reports as presented, Bob seconded the motion, all were in favor and the motion was carried.

**Office Business (action items)**

* Chris presented a raise for Kelsey as the Admin Assistant with Persi. It was approved that Kelsey will have a wage increase to $18.50 and will receive Persi.
* Kelsey stated that BSCD yearly worker comps dues of $120 is due. Bob moved to approve the SIF dues, Wade seconded the motion, all were in favor and the motion was carried.
* Ag in the classroom membership is due for year 2022 dues are $150. Wade moved to approve the dues for ag in the classroom, Bob seconded the motion, all were in favor and the motion was carried.
* Envirothon asked for financial help with Bob seconded the motion, all were in favor and the motion was carried.
* BSCD decided to post pone our Water quality workshop for later spring summer.
* Kathy Noble would like to have a booth at the earth day celebration this year. If our trees are here, she will have sample of the trees.
* Kelsey gave an update of the tree sale. She has several pre orders. Dicussed that the tree prices will increase to $50 a tree instead of $45 because of shipping cost.

**Commission:**

* Expect legislation to be introduced to change statute so that the Commission will be comprised of 7 Commissioners rather than the current 5. This will put into effect the resolution passed by the IASCD membership during their January business meeting. I expect the end result to be that we’ll have one Commissioner from each of the 6 IASCD Divisions appointed by the Governor from a list of 3 names submitted by the respective Divisions, and one at-large Commissioner appointed by the Governor.
* We are advertising for 2 of our 3 vacant field positions—a Natural Resource Conservationist for the north end of Div 3 (Valley, Boise, Gem, Payette, Weiser River, and Adams SWCDs), and an engineer position for SE Idaho. If you know of any qualified applicants, please send them our way.
* IASCD and other friends continue to work with legislators to find funding for our Water Quality Program for Agriculture (WQPA). Fingers crossed. We can’t advocate openly for it here in Boise because the Governor didn’t include it in his budget recommendation but any interested District supervisor can check with IASCD to see if there’s anything they can do to help.
* We present our budget to JFAC Thu, Feb 3rd and are looking forward to suggestions, recommendations and any other feedback JFAC members may give us.
* In preparation for our annual reports to the Senate and House Ag Affairs Committees I am working with IASCD to coordinate the scheduling so an IASCD rep can participate, i.e., share with the committees the districts accomplishments and perspectives.

**NRCS:**

* Sam Spalding was present for our meeting she discussed the projects that NRCS has going in Blaine County. Jesse discussed the water management projects that are going on in Bellevue. They are growing applications from Blaine County and will continue to be at the BSCD office one day a week.

**Adjourn**

* Wade made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 p.m., Kathy seconded the motion, all were in favor and the motion was carried. **Next meeting March 16th 2022 at 7pm**