**Blaine Soil Conservation District**

**Board of Supervisors Meeting**

**June 15th 2022 @ 7:00pm**

**BSCD Office, Carey, ID**

Present were: Chris Johnson; Chairman, Bob Simpson; Vice Chair, Nicholas Purdy, Supervisor, Kathi Noble; Sec/tres, Berrett Rosencrance; NRCS, Kelsey Barg, Administrative Assistant, Carolyn Firth; Commission, Corriene Marks, Public,

Chairman called the meeting to order @ 7: 00 p.m.

**Minutes**

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

**Administrative Assistant Report**

* Kathi gave the financial report. Chris 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)**

* Corriene Marks would like BSCD to help pat for a new fence at the Carey Pioneer cemetery. After discussion it was decided that the fence is not a project that BSCD funds because it is a perimeter fence for the property line and not to keep wildlife out of the area. The subject was tabled for more information.
* Nicholas Purdy introduced himself he is the grand son of Nick Purdy and is back working on the family ranch in Picabo. He will add some great diversity to our board. Bob moved to approve Nicholas as a new supervisor replacing Steve Grigsby and will finish his term out to 2024. Kathi seconded the motion; all were in favor and the motion was carried.
* LWG meeting is June 23rd at 10 am in arco or via zoom. Kelsey explained she will not be able to attend she has the conference planning meeting the same day and time. Chris will join in this meeting.
* Kelsey discussed a workshop and Ideas. She will work with Kathi to get a date and idea plans for July meeting for BSCD to discuss and make final plans for a workshop. Ideas are to tour a high tunnel farm in the wood river valley.
* Kelsey gave a reminder of the IASCD Conference that is coming in November. The dates are set for the 15-17th of November.

**Commission:**

* attached the commission report on below page.

**NRCS:**

* Berrett dicussed the LWG meeting is going to be a revisit of how ot spend the money in the programs better or projects to move money around to have more spendable money where projects are needed. She dicussed that Sam is leaving and her outreach position has been posted and have 5 apps in. they hope to fill the position soon.

 **Adjourn**

* Bob made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:32 p.m., Kathy seconded the motion, all were in favor and the motion was carried. **Next meeting July 20th 2022 at 7pm**

**June District Meeting Notes**

**6/1/2022**

I apologize for having morphed into a one-track, WQPA 24/7/365 kind of guy, but here’s what I have for District meetings this month:

The response to WQPA has been phenomenal. Thanks to District supervisors and staff, Commission field staff, and our great NRCS partners for putting out so much effort developing project proposals.

To date I’ve received proposals requesting more than $9,000,000 of WQPA funds. With so many good projects the big challenge comes down to figuring out how to spread the $5,000,000 we have across the state in as equitable a fashion as possible.

If you need financial assistance with a great project that will address water resources in your area, it is still not too late to submit a WQPA proposal. I expect to continue accepting proposals for at least another month—through June. There is still opportunity for exceptionally good projects to qualify for WQPA funds.

It is important that District supervisors and staff understand that the workload associated with implementing WQPA is going to mean commission field staff will not have as many hours available for helping with District projects not related to WQPA. We’ll do the best we can!