

Blaine Soil Conservation District
Board of Supervisors Meeting
January 15th @ 6:00pm
BSCD Office, Carey, ID

Present were: Bryan Dilworth; Chairman; Bob Simpson; Vice Chair Katherine Noble; Sec/tres Steve Grigsby; Board Member, Rob Sharpnack; Commission, Kelsey Barg, Administrative Assistant

Chairman called the meeting to order @ 6:05p.m.

Minutes

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

Administrative Assistant Report

- Kelsey Barg gave the financial report. Bob motioned to approve Minutes, Kathy seconded the motion, all were in favor, and motion was carried.

Office Business (action items)

- Kathy gave a report of the soil health workshop in twin. She explained that it was a great meeting and was well presented and of hundred people attended. There was education provided on cover crop and what farms can do to the most out of their soil.
- Kelsey gave a report of the division planning meeting for division conference in November. Blaine soil needs to be thinking of a possible sponsor for the conference. Minimum of \$500 to sponsor an event at the conference. Also we need to be thinking of something that we can stamp our name on for the conference bags. Kelsey will know more information after the next planning meeting which is in March the actual date was undecided.
- Kelsey presented to the board that our 2020 IDEA dues were due a total of \$60. Kathy motioned to pay the \$60, Bob seconded the motion, all were in favor, and motion was carried.
- Bob gave the board the water snow report. He brought a handout and in the hand out there was the percent that we are at now and it showed below average. He mentioned that maybe a workshop with Bill Hazen about water and snow impacts.
- Kathy presented ta we may have an interest in the county to do another soil health workshop. They did one a few years ago and it was well attended. Rob Sharpnack mentioned that Butte County might be doing one in March. Kelsey Will contact Stephanie about her plans for the workshop and possibly help her run it and have a tri-county workshop.
- David Wescamp informed the board of what the nature conservancy is up to these days. They have programs much like NRCS has for farmers to increase soil health and water production. They are focusing more on advocating agriculture. He mentioned that they purchased a cover crop tool that may work hand in hand with our no till drill.

Commission:

- Rob presented the newsletter for this month. This is a great article from eastern Idaho. Reminded us about the soil testing program from the NRCS that would really like three farmers that farm different soil and plant in both conventional and no till. Our short list we made for the farmers: Greg Mann, John Salli, Gary Beck, Susie Q, and Aaron Cook.

NRCS:

Adjourn

- Bob made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 p.m., Steve seconded the motion, all were in favor and the motion was carried. **Next meeting February 19th , 2019 at 6pm**