

Meeting held in the McGregor Building classroom called to order at 12:06p.m. by Chairman Dusty Wilkins. Those present were Brian Kossman, Luke Stevenson, Lance Lovell, Reid Bowen, David Mabey, and Admin, Sharon Hardy.

Minutes of the February meeting were presented with a motion to approve by Luke a 2nd by Lance – motion carried.

Treasurers report presented by Lance with a motion to approve the report by Lance, 2nd by Luke – motion carried.

Dusty presented Brian with a special award for 10 years of service to the Soil and Water District. Brian will no longer be on the board as he has other responsibilities to attend to.

Business:

Tree sales – we are almost out of many of the varieties. It is looking like the end of April for distribution and we hope the weather will cooperate the day we bag the trees.

Recap of Div IV meeting. - we received many compliments on the orderly way the meeting progressed, and the speaker was very informative (a report from Amalgamated on the research pods we partnered with)

Banquet/Summer Picnic- the co-operator of the year will be Derick Maiers (the board will get his bio, and jacket information for Sharon to order his jacket) the banquet will be held at the Burley Straw Maze Barn – cost for Direct Seed will be \$500. For the building and each District will pay for it's peoples and guests meals. The Date will be June 8th

Direct Seed meeting recap _ the committee recommends continuing with the Drill as a Tri District project, and look at a possible next generation implement such as a vertical till disc.

Climate smart- project is the new catch phrase program, there may be some moneys through the University, in conjunction with the Soil commission. Currently there are not a lot of details available other than there is money out there for project – but no criteria has been established.

The 1 (annual) and 5- year plan was presented for board approval, and signatures. Motion to accept the plan was made by Lance with a 2nd by Luke, motion carried, Sharon will get it submitted to Boise.

Discussion on vest to provide a unified appearance at meetings was held, Sharon will get the information and send to board members. When we get the jacket for the Co-operator of the year, we can order vests at the same time.

Scholarship applications are out to the schools, and FFA, and 4-H,

Board reviewed briefly the addresses for the newsletters, and without a lot of time and searching did not have any suggestions of whom to remove, other than when they are returned take them off the list.

No Supervisor report

Admin – Vacation March 21,23, RC&D mtg in Twin on March 24th and Vacation on April 21st

Agency reports:

NRCS – David no new info on Climate Smart- the area received \$450,000 for LWG projects asked for more. And stated there really is a need for a summer meeting- to show what projects got funded.

ISWCC: WQPA funding currently being held in JFAC committee, the commission is asking for galls to the legislature to encourage the program

FSA: Cary is the interim director from the Burley Office, as Nic Treasure is now the regional director based in Jerome.

At this point due to the extreme cold weather and future forecasts, there will not be a meeting in April. Everyone will be out in their fields trying to catch up.

Meeting adjourned with motion by Reid, 2nd by Lance 1:50 p.m. Respectfully submitted by *Sharon Hardy - Admin*