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MEETING MINUTES

November 2, 2020

Monument Senior Center

Monthly Board Meeting

Call to Order – Jim Bahrenburg, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 5:10 pm.

Board of Directors in attendance – Jim Bahrenburg, Brian Campbell, Andy Watkins and Troy Cox

Staff – BA Robbins (District Manager), Greg Hill (Project Manager)

Guests: Aaron Roth- NRCS District Conservationist, Maria Snodgrass- ODA Agriculture Water Quality Specialist. Both guests joined the meeting via conference call.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Andy Watkins made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from the 10/5/2020 monthly board meeting and was seconded by Brian Campbell. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

AGENCY/ORGANIZATION REPORTS

Aaron Roth gave updates on EQIP application dates, Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP) sign ups and changes to rules and regulations for these programs. Aaron also informed the board of the status of the soil conservationist and technician position.

Maria Snodgrass updated the board on approved OWEB funding for Strategic Implementation Areas with up to \$100,000 available to SWCD's for landowner technical assistance. Maria also informed us on the ODA process of inspecting Ag Water Quality violations, the local SWCD's will not be involved in the initial landowner contact.

DISTRICT BUSINESS

1. Project Manager Report: Greg gave his report on current district projects, upcoming virtual site visits for submitted applications and development of upcoming project applications.
2. Financial Report: BA gave her financial report which included updates on herbicide and seed purchases/orders and a status of the upcoming audit. A motion was made by Andy Watkins to approve the financial report, seconded by Troy Cox. The motion passed by unanimous vote. BA also informed the board of reaching the budget goal for PTO reserve.

3. IT: BA informed the board of progress in solving IT problems in the office and the purchase of web cams for zoom meetings.

OLD BUSINESS

1. ODA Zoom Meeting Update: Meeting will be held on 11/18/2020 from 2-4 pm. BA passed out the summary of ODA's response to questions and comments from the Grant SWCD annual meeting.
2. RCPG Grant Progress: Greg and BA informed the board that a phase 1 project area map had been established (focusing on upland areas) and landowner surveys were ready to be sent out.
3. Monument Vegetation Management: BA informed the board that the new SWCD program is off to a good start, and new employee Larry Stevens is developing a proactive approach to assist landowners with their vegetation needs. He has passed probation.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Surplus Disposal Policy and Resolution: BA reviewed the Surplus Disposal Policy and Resolution with the Board. After a discussion the board decided it would be best to strike the 2-day restriction on placing bids and then Troy Cox made a motion to accept the policy as corrected and policy resolution which was seconded by Andy Watkins. The motion passed by unanimous vote.
2. Vehicle Repairs: BA informed the board repairs to the District truck as well as the opportunity to purchase a cargo container. BA requested approval to buy the cargo container prior to selling the Range Drill. Andy Watkins made a motion to approve purchase of the cargo container prior to selling the Range Drill and was seconded by Jim Bahrenburg. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

OPEN FOR DISCUSSION

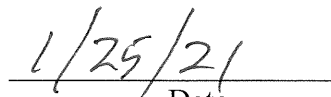
MEETING ADJOURNED: 6:00 pm


MEETINGS:

Next MSWCD board meeting to be held on December 7, 2020 at 5 pm in the Monument Senior Center.

Approved by:


Chairman/Vice Chairman


Date


Recorded and submitted by


Date