

SOUTH DOUGLAS CONSERVATION DISTRICT
SUPERVISORS' MEETING
November 5, 2018

Meeting was called to order 7:00p.m. Present were Eileen Bone, Joe Sprauer, Jeff Rock, Mike Lesky, Carolyn Kelly, Carol Cowling, Sarah Troutman Zahn - NRCS
October meeting minutes were approved. **Motion:** Eileen/Mike/ Passed
Financial statements and bills to be paid submitted. **Motion:** Joe/Mike/Passed.
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NRCS Report - Sarah gave the NRCS report. Bob Nansel is new employee in Waterville office. NRCS staff is in the field, with annual reviews of CSP program. CSP renewal is not in new farm bill. May combine CSP and EQIP. 10 in Douglas County were not renewed. Sarah agreed that the local working groups were helpful in setting priorities and funding for areas of concern.

The NRCS/SDCD MOU was reviewed and no changes needed currently.

Cascadia CD has an orchard management template that we may be able to use for our orchardists. Mike raised the question of carbon offsets for sale.

WCC Report – none

Old Business

All supervisors were able to attend the NCW area meeting in Wenatchee. Good discussion of upcoming budgets and resolutions reviewed and passed for WACD meeting in late November.

Dale Whaley, WSU, observed the Russian knapweed biocontrols in Douglas. Carol and Eileen tagged along. It looks like it is working well. Will expand in spring of 2019 (with article in newsletter)

Sand Canyon FEMA project has been approved for full submission. Will need to meet with others down in EW.

South Douglas/Foster Creek MOU discussion- South Douglas is frustrated with Foster Creek's lack of communication with programs and projects they are conducting in South Douglas.

- VSP – while Douglas County has delegated duties to FC by contract, failing to inform SD with budget, projects, TSP support and other information could put SD in jeopardy if FC does not perform according to guidelines in the VSP contract
- Cooperative Weed Management Board – FC employees have completed a plan for a cooperator in SD concerning weeds not included in the Weed Management priorities.
- This is confusing to cooperators as to which district is theirs.

South Douglas will draft a letter to Foster Creek outlining our concerns. The MOU needs to be reviewed and a reply needs to be received by Foster Creek to acknowledge our concerns. Failure to respond will render the MOU null and void until problems can be resolved. **Motion:** Mike/Joe/passed.

New Business

Ernesto Villa has submitted a cost share application for converting impact to micro sprinklers. More information is needed. It is a continuation of the Baker Flats project he completed in 2017.

Chipping Day is November 7.

Annual Meeting is set for February 8. South Douglas to host. At Waterville Fairgrounds.

A cooperator who ordered an address sign, signed up for chipping works for someone who has a series of greenhouses in Malaga that may be good for a Vets on the Farm Program. Carol spoke with Cascadia CD, as the greenhouses are in their district, and they are also keen on getting the project going. With Board approval, Carol will continue to research. OK to proceed.

Meeting Adjourned 9:00 p.m.