**BLACKSMITH FORK SOIL CONSERVATION MEETING**

Regular Meeting, March 28, 2024

Location, 1860 N. 100 E. Logan Utah 84341

**ATTENDANCE:**

**Conservation District Supervisor** **Natural Resource Conservation Service**

**Jon White/*chairman***

Tom Bailey Kaitlin Dobbs- *Pl*anner

Tom Walbridge

Larry Olsen

Richard Nielsen Department of Agriculture and Food (UDAF)

 Jace Farnsworth *Zone Coordinator- Absent*

**Conservation District** **Nick Reithel/** *Watershed Coordinator*

**Christy Daugs** *Clerk*

**Cody Brklacich**/*planner*

Justin Clawson

 **SUMMARY OF BOARD ACTION**

1. **Meeting Minutes for February**
2. **Extra Sera Minutes**
3. **Bills**
4. **Adjourned Meeting**

Mr. Jon White called the meeting to order at 1:00 pm.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Minutes from the February meetings were distributed electronically \*\* **A motion was made by Mr. Tom Bailey to approve the February BSF minutes and was seconded by Mr. Tom Walbridge motion carried unanimously.**

Sera ; Jon White, Richard Nielsen, Tom Bailey, Thomas Walbridge, Larry Olsen attended the Zone Meeting on March 7th

Sera: Jon White, Tom Bailey, and Thomas Walbridge attended the Spring Water Conference on March 26th

**\*\*A motion was made by Larry Olsen to approve the extra Sera meetings, the motion was seconded by Richard Nielsen; motion carried unanimously.**

**NRCS REPORT –**

Kaitlin Dabbs Reported on deadlines for NRCS. Planners are all working to plans written.

**USU EXTENTION REPORT**

Lamb and Kid school was successful, thanked board for helping sponsor lunch.

Drone Agriculture Workshop will be held in Preston On April 15-16th, $150 fee.

**ZONE REPORT**

Jace- Supervisors up for signed paperwork

Zone 1 meeting Goals set for BSF, eastfield canal piped approximate 10 miles. They would like to meet with NRCS and see what programs they can qualify for and what help they can get. The Canal Companies don’t have a lot of money so they need help with the funding to be able to start a project. Goals will be submitted and need to be followed up in the meetings a few times a year to see how goals are progressing.

Chapter 3 Conservation District Act- reviewed

Zone 1 meeting was successful and the board felt like a lot of good was accomplished

Pollinator program is open unit April 15th

List of Water Op projects that got funded, $46 million funded for the State. Next application period will be in January or February and do it the same each year moving forward.

No ARTLE loans this month

ISM grants put in for Medusa and Vetanatta. Hoping to a Dyers Woad blitz this year, application turned in.

Tree Sale April 20dth.

Scholarship applications out check with Schools and make sure they received information.

Conservation Fair and crop school will be combined for next year. Already have 30 vendors and some partner tables. Next year will do one in Box Elder and one in Cache County.

Soil Health Grant, BSF was approved for No Till Drill. Discussed some different purchasing options. Board decided to go with the ESCH 5612 no til, and ATV G3 Firminator, and a PH Outdoors G5 W/SSB. They are hoping the smaller drills will help with the Urban Ag. Program.

**\*\*A motion was made by Tom Bailey to purchase all thee drills for $18,141.00, the motion was seconded by Tom Walbridge; motion carried unanimously.**

Urban Ag grant, The Refugee Garden is on some having a work day this weekend and they have volunteers coming to help build garden boxes. The grant money won’t come in until later in April, BSF is going to help them get get supplies so they can work on the boxes this weekend. Board will pay upfront $6000 and be reimbursed by the grant.

**FINANCIAL REPORT**

Bills BSF

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| Tom W. | Drill | $14.42 |
| Miller Farms | Drill | $47,100 |
| Ripping it Outdoors | Drill | $28541 |
| Refugee Garden | Boxes  | $6000 |

**\*\*A motion was made by Tom Bailey to pay the bills as stated above, the motion was seconded by Thomas Walbridge; motion carried unanimously.**

**ADJOURMENT**

**\*\*A motion was made by Larry Olse to adjourn the meeting at 2:30p.m. The motion was seconded by Tom Walbridge; motion carried unanimously.**

**\*\* Action Items Taken**

* ***Meeting Minutes***

\*\* **A motion was made by Mr. Tom Bailey to approve the February BSF minutes and was seconded by Mr. Tom Walbridge, motion carried unanimously.**

\*\* **A motion was made by Mr. Larry Olsen to approve extra Sera Minutes and was seconded by Mr. Richard Nielsen, motion carried unanimously.**

\*\* **A motion was made by Mr. Tom Bailey to purchase 3 drills and was seconded by Mr. Thomas Walbridge, the motion carried unanimously.**

* ***Bills***

**\*\*A motion was made by Bailey to pay the bills as stated above, The motion was seconded by Thomas Walbridge; motion carried unanimously.**

* ***Adjourn***

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