# Date: Tuesday, December 1, 2020

# Time: 1:00 pm Meeting

Place: U of I Organic Ag Center &Teleconference held via Zoom

Attendance:

Dale Van Stone, BSWCD Sarah Garcia, BSWCD Laura Burgan, Resolve Financial

Harry Menser, BSWCD Cindy Vaughan, NRCS Teri Murrison, ISWCC

John Gaddess, BSWCD Rick Watt Bill Lillibridge, ISWCC

Brad Bluemer, BSWCD Sean Moglia, CDA Books Jessica Erickson, PRWC

Jim Stevens, BSWCD Maggie Lyons, Resolve Financial Jennifer Jensen, U of I

The meeting was called to order at 1:10 pm by Chairman Dale Van Stone and introductions were made.

**Associate Board Member:** Dale introduced community member Rick Watt. Jim moved, seconded by Harry, to vote Rick as an associate Board member. *the motion carried.*

**Approval of Minutes:** Harry moved, seconded by Brad B., to approve the November 2020 minutes, *the motion carried.*

**Financial Updates:**  Laura and Maggie of Resolve Financial thanked the Board for the partnership over the past year. They gave major kudos to Jim and team for his time and dedication to the reorganizational project. Sean Moglia of CDA Books introduced himself to the Board gave an overview of how the partnership was going. Sean also presented options for additional areas where the District could increase our efficiencies. Sean recommended the district move to a single checking account to lessen human error factor. The group also discussed the benefits of transitioning to QuickBook’s online.

Jim moved, seconded by John to move forward with transitioning the District to QuickBooks Online under CDA Books Wholesale account with our portion billed to us directly by CDA Books. *the motion carried*

Jim moved, seconded by John to move to a single checking account which will process both operating costs and payroll. *the motion carried*

**AGENCY REPORTS**

**NRCS – Cindy Vaughan:** Cindy discussed the Local Work Group clarification email that went out regarding additional qualifying questions in relation to high tunnels to help further clarify ranking. Eqip 2021 sign up deadline is Friday December 4th. Greg is still on SRC assignment out of Boise, he has applied for the position.

**ISSWC**: Teri Murrison came on to say hi and answer any questions that have risen due to the ISWCC/IASCD situation. She provided updates on proposed changes by the commission to address District concerns. Bill gave additional details regarding some possible changes the Commission is reviewing and how those could impact Districts.

**PRWC**: Jessica updated the Board that the annual work summary plans were submitted and she has requested $4400.00 for PRWC. Recent Redd surveys were low with 34 counted in the Pack River Drainage. Jessica also informed the Board of work she had completed on the Bull River with Britta Olson her Montana counterpart.

**U of I – Jen Jensen:** Jennifer updated the Board that the Beginning Farmer/Rancher curriculum is slated to being in January. The pesticides course was well attended this morning.

**DISTRICT BUSINESS**

**IASCD Business Meeting:** Sarah had previously emailed the board an overview of the IASCD Business meeting. Discussion ensued regarding the meeting. Brad also expressed his thoughts during the meeting. The Board discussed concerns and where we go from here. Jim moved, seconded by Harry, that the Board would draft a letter to the IASCD Board regarding Sarah’s role in speaking on behalf of the BSWCD Board. John indicated he would draft the letter for review at the January meeting, *the motion carried.*

**Legislative Day & Social:** Sarah updated the Board that at this time IASCD is moving forward with Legislative Day & Social scheduled for Jan. 18th & 19th. The Board discussed the importance of attending this year. John moved, and Harry seconded a motion to cover expenses for Sarah & a Board member to attend legislative event. *the motion carried.*

**Local Led Work Group:** Cindy provided the Board with an overview of the recent LWG. The main change was transitioning the focus from Resource concern vs land use. This adjustment would allow for EQIP applications to be compared “apples to apples.” Cindy requested the Board approve Sarah’s signing the LWG Report that reflected the recommendations of the LWG. Harry moved, John seconded the motion for Sarah to sign the LWG Report on the Boards behalf. *the motion carried.*

**ISWCC – Performance Report:** Jim moved, John seconded a motion approving the District Performance Report and agreed that Board Chair Dale Van Stone should sign the certification page. *the motion carried.*

**Health Insurance:** Jim moved, seconded by Harry for the District to continue to pay full policy premium for Sarah Garcia and Molly McCahon for 2021 through Blue Cross. *the motion carried.*

**District Performance Management:** Board was reminded of the time & place for the performance management meeting.

**Civil Rights / EEO:** There were no updates to Civil Rights/EEO.

**Bonner SWCD by Sarah Garcia:** Sarah provided the Board with an overview of the work completed this month.

**Executive Session:** Harry moved, seconded by Brad to enter Executive Session per Idaho Code 74-206 (B) : Roll Call Vote: Harry -Yes; Brad B. – Yes; Jim – Yes; Dale – Yes. John - Yes

John moved, seconded by Brad B. to exit Executive Session where personnel matters were discussed. *the motion carried.*

The meeting was adjourned at 3:50pm.

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