

**Bear River Resource Conservation and Development
Council Meeting
Wednesday, July 30, 2008 at 11:00 a.m.
Mick and Vicki Atkinson's home in Riverdale, Idaho**

Attending:

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| Mick Atkinson | RC&D Chair, Franklin County |
| Scott Ferguson | Project Coordinator, RC&D |
| Cami King | Financial Assistant, RC&D |
| Montain Kunz | RC&D Vice Chair, Bear Lake County |
| Lynn Lemon | RC&D Secretary/Treasurer, Cache County |
| Dallan Nalder | RC&D Vice Chair, Oneida County |
| Bill Cox | RC&D Vice Chair, Rich County |

Excused:

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| Jay Hardy | RC&D Vice Chair, Box Elder County |
| Lloyd Rasmussen | RC&D Vice Chair, Caribou County |
| Dennis Duehren | Forest Service Ranger, Montpelier District |

Welcome

Mick welcomed all and called the meeting to order. The minutes were reviewed, with Montain motioning that they be accepted as written; Dallan seconded; the motion carried.

Financial Report

Cami presented the financial report with the explanation that a new bank account has been set up with Lewiston State Bank to accommodate the request of Idaho Department of Agriculture for the U&I Cooperative Weed Management Area. Lewiston Bank has been able to meet our needs better than Wells-Fargo. Cami reconciled the accounts with the bank statements on separate days not realizing that this would make it impossible to print out an accurate balance sheet. She will reconcile all accounts on the same day in the future. The report was accepted with a motion from Dallan and a second from Bill. In the future, the council would like to know the interest rates of each of the savings accounts.

New Project Applications

Scott reported that Roger Earley's application requesting help with replacing a culinary water system in Rich County (Round Valley) has been brought to his attention again by Thomas Hoskins, from NRCS in Randolph. The council reviewed this request in the past, but turned it back to Mr. Earley requesting that a preliminary engineering estimate be done first. Mr. Earley responded that there are no funds to pay for an estimate. The council suggested that Mr. Earley contact Sunrise Engineering who will likely do a free estimate. Bill took the application and said that he will also look into it since he believes

that this system was replaced about 20 years ago. Dallon also recommended that the Utah Division of Water Resources also be made aware of the actions that are made.

Timber Thinning

Scott reported that Hull Tree Care will complete the timber thinning project after the camping season is over at the Youth Camp. The Forest Service is drawing up the contract. The RC&D will need to pay the Forest Service for the timber sale, but there will be no money exchanged with Hulls. Hulls will leave slash piles at the camp that will need to be burned during the winter months.

Hazardous Fuels Reduction Grants

Scott reported that Idaho Department of Lands will no longer be rewarding grants for hazardous fuels reduction to assist private home owners, but three grants have been applied for that benefit the public. The first is for the Maple Creek area, which is south of Cub River; the second is in the Cub River area; the third is on Translator Mountain north and east of Preston. These areas were determined with the assistance of Scott Martin and Mike Lower, Franklin county fire personnel. The grants will be awarded in August.

Youth Camp Repairs

Scott and Cami reported that the Youth Camp now has a gate and padlock and an information sign. The kiosk (information bulletin board) that stood close to the campground was destroyed by the heavy snowfall last winter. It has since been repaired, as well as the privacy screen by the latrine. A handyman, Tod Jensen, was employed to perform the repairs and the installation of the gate.

The council suggested that the local sheriff and other emergency agencies be informed of the combination lock designated for the Forest Service. Mick said that he would let them know.

The council suggested that the kiosks owned by the Forest Service are sometimes removed for the winter.

The council suggested that someone from the staff go weekly to the camp to ensure that it is in order for those renting the facility. They also felt that it would be good to have the campers report the condition in which they found the camp, in case repairs need to be charged to a previous group.

Youth Camp Spring Development

Mick reported that he has investigated developing the spring that exists above the Youth Camp. He found that because the spring is on public land, the development will require compliance with stringent rules. The vegetation, if the spring is shallow, will have to be

removed for 100 feet around the perimeter. A fence would also have to be in place. A certified engineer would need to assess the development.

Dallan proposed that the council proceed with an investigative dig with a backhoe to see how deep the spring is. Bill seconded the motion and the motion carried. The approximate cost will be \$1000-1500. The Forest Service will need to be contacted so that they can be present when the digging occurs. Lynn suggested that we find out how long our lease will last with the Forest Service, before beginning the spring development.

Letter of liability release

Cami presented a letter of liability release that she proposed be sent to the campers. The council agreed to have their individual county attorneys review the letter. In the meantime, the council would like Cami to send the letters to the campers for the rest of the summer. It was suggested that the combination be given only to those who agree to sign and return the letter. This action was made with a motion from Bill and a second from Montain. The remaining members agreed.

Projects for youth groups volunteers for the Youth Camp in 2009

Cami asked if youth groups could do projects to help improve the Youth Camp. The council suggested that the group could be given some ideas of what was needed and they could then send a written proposal of what services they would like to offer. The council would then review and approve. This decision was made with a motion from Lynn and second from Bill. The group concurred.

Next Meeting

The council agreed to meet next on October 2, 2008 (a Thursday) at 12 Noon at the Youth Camp for a dinner meeting.

The meeting adjourned with a motion from Dallan and a second from Lynn. All agreed.