

**Bear River Resource Conservation and Development
Council Meeting
Wednesday, February 18, 2009 at 1:00 pm
USDA Service Center Conference Room**

Attending:

Dennis Duehren	Montpelier Ranger District
Scott Ferguson	Project Coordinator, RC&D
Jay Hardy	RC&D Vice Chair, Box Elder County
Cami King	Office Manager, RC&D
Montain Kunz	RC&D Vice Chair, Bear Lake County
Lynn Lemon	RC&D Secretary/Treasurer, Cache County
Larry Etherington	RC&D Vice Chair, Oneida County
Scott Workman	RC&D Vice Chair, Franklin County
Jon Hardman	District Conservationist, Cache County

Excused:

Lloyd Rasmussen	RC&D Chair, Caribou County
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Not in Attendance:

Bill Cox	RC&D Vice Chair, Rich County
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Jay introduced Larry Etherington to the council and attendees. Scott Workman motioned that the minutes of the December 11, 2008 annual meeting be accepted as written. Montain seconded that motion and the motion carried.

Scott explained the basic functions of the council to the newcomers. A list of possible projects for 2009 with the fund sources was presented to the council, particularly to help the new council members to understand the projects they will be assisting with in the future.

Update on Bear River Basin Corps (proposed in the Dec. 11, 2008 meeting)

Keith Shaw applied for a grant with the Corporation for National and Community Service, but was turned down because they require an equivalent of 10 full-time employees, instead of the five that our council had approved. He will continue to apply to other sources for funding and would like to keep his application with our organization active. He has not yet contacted Dennis Duehren.

Community Forest Project funding opportunity

Gerry Bates, who works for Idaho Departments of Lands, would like to know if any of the Idaho counties have the following needs, in case funds from the federal stimulus package become available:

- 1) A statewide urban tree inventory assessment using sample plots (see cover article at: <http://www.dnr.state.wi.us/forestry/uf/resources/vol16no2.pdf>)
- 2) Utility tree replacement programs or demand-side energy conservation planting programs (partnerships with investor-owned utilities or cooperatives)
- 3) Community tree planting projects
- 4) Community tree care/maintenance/safety projects

- 5) Community inventory projects
- 6) Development/maintenance of plantations for treated wastewater application
- 7) Unfunded CTE grant proposals from past years
- 8) Tree rebate program with nursery industry
- 9) U&CF demonstration projects for sustainable landscapes
- 10) Planting projects utilizing structural soil/ pervious pavement (public properties)
- 11) Targeted large scale tree planting to meet canopy goals (may be a good "next step" project per the Rathdrum Prairie Aquifer Canopy Assessment; or in the Treasure Valley to help meet air quality standards.)
- 12) Development of a web-based tree selection tool for Idaho community

If there is a need, please let Scott Ferguson know and he will write a funding proposal.

RAC grant application

Scott Ferguson proposed that the RC&D apply for funds from the southeastern Idaho Resource Advisory Committee (RAC) to improve the RC&D's Youth Camp in Emigration canyon east of Preston. The projects include: a handicap accessible camp site and restroom; a buck and pole fence; and the decommissioning of the old restroom near the gate. The total proposed request is for \$23,172 with a match of \$5,845. Any of the three projects could be funded singly. The council agreed to proceed with the proposal, with Larry making the motion and Scott seconding. Jay signed the cover letter.

Idaho RC&D Association Spring Meeting

Jay asked for the Idaho council members to consider attending the IRCDA spring meeting on March 9-10 in Boise. The presenter will be Dr. John Luthy, who will speak on effective public leadership. Scott Workman agreed to attend.

Ideas for speaker for Utah Association of RC&D Fall Meeting

Scott asked for ideas for the fall meeting of the UARC&D. Jay suggested Mark Gibbons from Cache Valley. Larry suggested Fred Kelly Grant.

Financial Report

Cami presented the 990 EZ tax report, informing the council that for the 2008 reporting year, nonprofits have the option to use the EZ report if they took in less than \$1,000,000. Cami completed the report in about 3 hours, which is much less than the time the regular 990 has taken in past years. Scott Workman motioned that the report be accepted and signed, Larry seconded and the council concurred. Jay signed the tax report.

Cami presented the financial report, showing bank statements, reconciliation reports and the balance sheet. A list of every check since the last meeting was presented. Scott Workman motioned that the report be accepted as prepared and Montain seconded that motion, the motion passed.

Additional notes

Larry expressed interest in having Oneida County considered for a wood chipper if a funding source becomes available. Dennis expressed interest in the water jet stinger for a willow planting project.

Next Meeting

The council agreed to meet again on April 15, 2009 at 1:00 pm at the fire station conference room in Preston, Idaho.