

Homer Soil and Water Conservation District Board of Supervisors Meeting Minutes: July 10th, 2019, 5:00 PM

Topic	Discussion	Action
Roll Call	Present: Chris, Devony, Pam, Dorian, Jim, Kyra, Tim, Hannah Bradley, Connie Fordham	Start 5:24pm
Approval of Agenda	Suggestion to move the Fordham SFCP to the first discussed. Unanimous	approved
Approval of Minutes	Motion to approve Tim seconded by Jim	approved
NRCS Report	Pam Voller: Interviewing people for state conservationist position. Kyra: Two years of deliverables are needing to be dealt with NRCS. \$14,000 for two, \$7,000 each.	Chris proposed a large animal health ed program
Visitors	Hannah Bradley, Connie Fordham	
Financial Report	Report approved, Tim motioned Jim seconded	
Manager's Report: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Land Use: Trails • Water Quality • Agriculture/ Soil • Invasive Weeds • Education • Administration 	<p>Fox River Flats Trail: Meetings continue between private landowner and ADF&G to purchase the right to cross along the bluff trail. In June Kris, Kyra, Chris, and Hannah all went out to identify locations for Geoblock install and to see the state of the bridges. Some were better, some worse.</p> <p>Watermelon Trail: We have permits to work on the Watermelon Trail as "contracted employees" of ADF&G. But we have yet to receive any written proof of this agreement.</p> <p>Anchor River: Devony is wrapping up the reports for this project, then it will be done.</p> <p>KBNER: Continuing work on finalizing the Management Plan. The deadlines have been moved back to September.</p> <p>Food surveys: Nicole and Kyra presented findings from the producer survey as well as the restaurant survey at the Circumpolar Food Conference in Anchorage June 26-29.</p> <p>Soil Health: We have funding to continue this study into the coming year or two.</p> <p>NACD: We received full funding of our request for funds to work on the CRMP, Soil Health Study, and continue the nutrient management recommendations for NRCS.</p> <p>BLM/NRCS Soil Survey funding: Everyone is out in the field now. Kyra has been attempting to get reimbursed with new online portal, but there is a large learning curve.</p> <p>CWMA: Katherine is out guiding in Iceland this month, but there are two weed pulls on the peninsula that are happening and the spraying schedule continues through our partners.</p> <p>Ag in the Classroom: The Ag in the Classroom workshop is getting advertised for August. We'll see with the university cuts if our grant with the EPA through Cooperative Extension to do indoor growing classes continues...</p> <p>New office space agreement: Still nothing new.</p> <p>New Agreement: NRCS is proposing a new agreement for the next two years. We need to write up a budget and list deliverables for this new idea.</p>	

Fordham SFCP	78 ag title. Connie Fordham was present to answer questions, photos of present development were shared. Jim motioned to approve first item regarding western farm parcel, updating the existing farm conservation plan to current use and development. Tim seconded, passed unanimously. Motion on second (eastern parcel) approved unanimously, the dividing of the 160-acre parcel to two 80-acre parcels with an additional approved farm plan.	Approved.
Reutov SFCP	Kyra explained that this parcel has three official owners, even though only one shows up at first on the borough website. With this new information, discussion was to approve updating the existing farm conservation plan to current use and development. No owners were present to answer questions. Motion to recognize the farm plan as current. Discussion: A ground truthing visit should be in order to concur the proposed or actual existing features of the parcel. Approved with above stipulation in the future.	Groundtruthing in the future required for any additional changes to the SFCP. This SFCP approved as updated.
4-wheeler Purchase	Discussion: Pricing options for new four-wheeler purchase. 2019 Foreman 420 Honda @\$ 5,900, 2019 Rancher 500 Honda @ \$6,800. No winch included, but board wants winch added on purchase (should be around \$500, not \$1000), and to research possible toe clutch transmission, and carburetor instead of fuel injection. Motion to approve the purchase of 2019 Rancher 420 with hopefully including the three suggestions.	Purchase once contract with ADF&G comes through
Rhodiola	Al Pointdexter stopped by to discuss slicer and washer machine. New president of Cooperative wants to relocate it to Palmer. Al would like us to prevent that. Raises many questions, especially that we do not seem to have any written agreement. What are the parameters on Coop members, Al, and the responsibility/location the machine should be in?	Kyra to try to find documents that talk about ownership or recreate them.
AACD update	Chris explained that the Anchorage District, before it folded, had developed an agreement with the municipality to monitor large animal facilities in Anchorage. Now one such facility needs approval and there is no one to approve it. Turns out that Kodial had an agreement to operate in the Anchorage District, so there is a possibility that they can manage this program instead. Someone would be needed on the ground in Anchorage..	Kyra to contact Jessica Guritz regarding possibly functioning as the Anchorage staff.
	Adjourned 8:08	