

**Homer Soil and Water Conservation District Board of Supervisors Meeting Minutes:** June 12th, 2019, 5:00 PM

| <b>Topic</b>  | <b>Discussion</b>   | <b>Action</b>  |
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| Roll Call   | Present: Chris, Devony, Otto, Kyra, Tim, Hannah Bradely   | Start 6:30pm   |
| Approval of Agenda Approval of Minutes  | Unanimous<br>Motion to approve Otto seconded by Tim   | Minutes need to be cleaned up  |
| NRCS Report   | None  |  |
| Visitors  | Hannah Bradley: has gotten approval for a thesis on public land use and interaction between multiple stakeholders (ie: Fox River Flats)   |  |
| Financial Report  | Report approved, interim report from May forgotten  | May report needs done  |
| Manager's Report:<br><ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Land Use:<br/>Trails</li> <li>• Water Quality</li> <li>• Agriculture/<br/>Soil</li> </ul> | <p><b>Fox River Flats Trail:</b> We finally received the permit to do the Geoblock installation on the Flats. We also have permits to work on the bridges till December. Grazing issues on the Flats were on the docket of the May meeting for the CHA revisions and heavily discussed, but it is apparent that there is disagreement within ADF&amp;G as to whether or not to put a permanent trail on the Flats or against the Bluff. ADF&amp;G has made leeway with purchasing right-of-way from the private landowner in the area of the bluff trail.</p> <p><b>Comments from the Board:</b> Otto says someone has cleaned up bridges</p> <p><b>Watermelon Trail:</b> We have permits to work on the Watermelon Trail as "contracted employees" of ADF&amp;G. But we have yet to receive any written proof of this agreement. A work plan will be discussed later this week with Joe Meehan and Kris Nichols.</p> <p><b>Anchor River:</b> The streambank revegetation workshop was a huge success. Tim brought the spruce trees, Kyra brought the willows, Devony brought the camera, and the contractors brought everything needed to make a successful project. Emily from Fish and Wildlife deserves a medal for lining up as much help as she did. Too bad we can't count her as match!</p> <p><b>KBNERR:</b> Continuing work on finalizing the Management Plan. The deadlines have been moved back to September.</p> <p><b>Food surveys:</b> Nicole and Kyra will be presenting findings from the producer survey as well as the restaurant survey at the Circumpolar Food Conference in Anchorage June 26-29.</p> <p><b>Soil Health:</b> Brad is promoting a "Soil Your Undies" campaign about composting.</p> <p><b>NACD:</b> 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> | Still need to tell Joe to try the geoblock. Board is reluctant to move forward without reimbursements guaranteed |

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Invasive Weeds</li> <br/> <li>• Education</li> <br/> <li>• Administration</li> </ul> | <p><b>BLM/NRCS Soil Survey funding:</b> Everyone is out in the field now. We have been told to move forward as if we have a contract though nothing has been available to sign...seems to be a pattern with government officials these days.</p> <p><b>CWMA:</b> They are still trying to create an acceptable proposal for elodea treatment to give to the EVOS Trustee Council. Katherine has also been busy getting certified to certify weed-free gravel and hay. A state-wide committee on weed-free gravel and hay has started and she is the secretary of that board. They will meet quarterly. Canada thistle has been identified out East end. What should Katherine do about it? June 16 -22nd is Alaska Invasive Species Awareness Week.</p> <p><b>Comments from the Board:</b> Canada thistle. Can a landowner spray on DOT right-of-way???? Board would like to have the weed person reach out to the landowner and facilitate the spraying or actions taken to eradicate the weed. Maybe create a template to mail to landowners</p> <p><b>Ag in the Classroom:</b> The Ag in the Classroom workshop didn't go for lack of participants. Planning a new one in August.</p> <p><b>New office space agreement:</b> Still nothing new.</p> | <p>Katherine to educate and facilitate actions</p> |
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| David Reutov  | State Farm Plan: Borough shows Feodoro Martushev as owner of record, not Reutov   | Not approved.                                      |
| Material sites regulations  | Board comments on revision: Good on the denuded land /reveg is good, buffer zone part is good, but leaves a window to allow someone to denude with a loggin permit... definitions appreciated greatly. Distance from waterbodies good. Good to protect the aquifers. Generalizations have been made more specific. Thanks for tightening up the language.   | Write letter of support                            |
| Work plan   | Okay for short notice   | Draft work plan approved<br>Tim motion Otto second |
| AACD meeting  | At Crown Plaza, new members of the board, and new director. Made new standing committees (ag resources, mining and petrol, and more) Planning to go up to the Tribal districts meeting in August  |  |
|   | Adjourned 8:48  |  |
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