

Homer Soil and Water Conservation District Board of Supervisors Meeting Minutes: December 11, 2019, 5:00 PM

Topic	Discussion	Action
Roll Call	Present: Jim, Chris, Devony, Tim, Kyra, Julie, Gena by phone	5:40
Approval of Agenda Approval of Minutes	Approved Motion to approve by Jim, seconded by Tim. Approved	
NRCS Report	Item 1 was Dorian’s presentation tomorrow about organic/inorganic fertilizers. Two was to announce the State Tech Committee meeting on Jan 21, conference room will be available. Third, Craig Smith, NRCS State Agronomist, is leaving for an agronomist position in Louisiana, departing Dec 21.	
Visitors	No visitors	
Financial Report	Tim motions to approve Jim seconded. Unanimously approved.	
Manager’s Report: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="218 656 432 683">• Land Use: Trails <li data-bbox="218 797 411 824">• Water Quality <li data-bbox="218 1192 432 1219">• Agriculture/Soil 	<p>Fox River Flats: Devony meeting with difficulty of sharing information with agencies due to technological blocks.</p> <p>Watermelon Trail: Still waiting to hear from DNR or ADF&G about permits. After meeting with Sarah Vance on the issue, she called an office at DNR and was told it would not be a problem.</p> <p>KBNERR: Continuing work on finalizing the Management Plan. HSWCD will not be hosting the peatlands grant, but we are getting written into it as participants.</p> <p>Anchor River: The plan for the bridge across the Anchor River has been developed, they will be building it up-river so that traffic can continue while they build. Also, property that was recently granted a permit for a gravel pit next to the Anchor River Estuary is dumping muddy water heavily into the estuary with all the recent rain. The landowner had the area delineated as “not” a wetland and put in a gravel pad. Hard to judge with floods.</p> <p>Kyra inquire into details concerning Anchor River bridge location. Emailed map shows and states that the new bridge is being built upstream of the existing one. The board is very concerned if that is the actual plan, stating that upriver construction would require a huge amount of fill.</p> <p>Food surveys: Complete!!! Both are up on the website. Please check them out. Had a 2 hour chat with Sarah Vance and Jeff Vance (member of the Board of Ag) introducing the reports. Will be presenting on the reports as part of the ag series for NRCS on January 9th at the library.</p>	<p>Kyra to contact DOT & get details concerning Anchor River bridge location. Emailed map shows and states that the new bridge is being built upstream of the existing one.</p>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Invasive Weeds • Education • Administration 	<p>Soil Health: Brad is working with others statewide to create the final reports for the end of this NRCS trial. We have been co-hosting an ag series with NRCS, the last one was on reading your soil test and the next is on organic vs inorganic.</p> <p>BLM/NRCS Soil Survey funding: Since Eric Geisler is retiring, he inquired about our ability/interest to take over certain aspects of other projects that he manages.</p> <p>Moose Habitat Enhancement: A recent call from Sue Rodman at ADF&G inquired about our interest in participating in range enhancement activities for the next two years</p> <p>CWMA: Had the quarterly CWMA meeting with our usual agency partners but also invited private landowners who we are trying to get involved. Of those invited, representatives attended from DOWL, Hilcorp, and Chugach Electric. Presently, Katherine is down in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho at the national invasive species conference. Looking to be more active in the schools next spring.</p> <p>New office space agreement: Still nothing new.</p>	
Rhodiola Equipment	Nothing new, still waiting to hear from the President of Statewide Cooperators. Deferred.	
Lime from Fairbanks	Need to get metal testing done from bulk supply. Transport from Kenai to here needs to happen as well.	
Elections	Tim motioned to declare a board seat to be vacant, Jim seconded Need to get a statement of resignation from Gena.	A board seat is vacant.
KBNERR	Talked about already	
AACD update	Eric Geisler asked for a statement regarding how/why we choice him for an award of exceptional contribution from a partnering agency. He would in turn take these statements to the national level showing AACDs involvement with national agencies. No information regarding costs of reimbursements for the annual Fairbank's conference.	
ADF&G project	Moose habitat enhancement, covered.	
Invasive species bill	covered	
Agency comments	Checking on what types of topics HSWCD wants to comment on. Clean water, SWEP plan?, DEC...F&G anadromous stream? Decision: Only topics of resource concerns in the area and on land.	
Other?	Tim possibly creating a radio spot about resource topics with KBBI	
Adjourn...		8:45