



Douglas Soil and Water Conservation District
Grant Discussion Meeting
Thursday, February 29th 2024

Directors Present: Sean Negherbon (D), David Briggs (D), Diana Woodward (D)

DSWCD Employees: Maggie Begoun, Cindy Bright

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Sean Negherbon @ 10:04am. Director roll call performed.

Grant Discussion

Class A Noxious Weeds Grant

Begoun asks if the board members understand the Class A noxious weed grant along with its timeline and budget. The board members state that they do.

Dir. Briggs asks to examine the MOA that was drafted up and make some edits. The MOA is presented. The board and staff go through the MOA and agree unanimously on edits.

Begoun clarifies for the board that OWEB/ODA do not require this MOA. The board decides that they would like to continue with the MOA with noted edits. The board would also like the MOA signed by ECWC and returned to them for signature after.

Motion: Dir. Briggs motions that the district is in support of transferring the Class A Noxious Weed Grant from ECWC to DSWCD. The motion passes unanimously.

Action Item: Begoun to return new MOA draft to ECWC for signature along with the minutes of this meeting.

DEQ 319 Grant

Begoun states that a signature is needed for the DEQ 319 grant that Cindy Bright received for work on Pheasant Creek. It's about \$10k to do invasive species removal and replanting/reseeding on the banks for one landowners.

Bright mentions that the bridge replacement funding from ECWC didn't go through, but the landowner has applied for the S-Fish Fund to still get the bridge done. Bright intends to apply for the next round of OWEB Small Grants to extend this project as well for the in-stream work.



Dir. Negherbon asks when the grant needs to be signed. Bright answers ASAP, so she can start using the funds for the contractors. Dir. Briggs asks about the length of the project. Bright anticipates two years.

Bright mentions that there will be a gap in service for the northern part of the county and there have many interested landowners including more on Pheasant Creek. Begoun suggests that the district apply for the Ag Water Quality Support grant next year to fund another conservation tech that can work up there.

Dir. Briggs asks about administrative costs. Bright answers that every grant besides that capacity grant usually has a 10% admin fee and that OWEB can be asked for up to 15%.

The board asks about whether there are any requirements in the 319 grant agreement like meeting specific stream temperatures. Begoun answers no, there isn't anything that specific.

Motion: Dir. Brigg motions that the district approve the signing of the DEQ 319 Grant Agreement. The motion passes unanimously.

Action Item: Begoun to share the grant agreement on the google drive and sent the signature sheet to Dir. Negherbon to sign.

Conclusion of Meeting

The meeting was adjourned at 10:32am.

The March Board meeting is scheduled for **Wednesday, March 20th @ 4:00pm** at NRCS Roseburg.

Submitted by Maggie Begoun for Brenda Epp, District Secretary/Treasurer.