

**Minutes of Meeting**  
**Kootenai-Shoshone Soil & Water Conservation District (KSSWCD)**  
**April 24, 2019**  
**9:00 a.m.**

The Kootenai County Board of Commissioners: Chairman Chris Fillios and Commissioner Leslie Duncan met to discuss the following agenda item. Also present was Deputy Clerk Tina Ginorio. Also present were Linda Ely, Karla Freeman and Bob Flagor representing the Kootenai-Shoshone Soil & Water Conservation District. Commissioner Bill Brooks was excused.

- A. Call to Order:** Chairman Chris Fillios called the meeting to order at 9:18 a.m.
- B. Changes to the Agenda (Action):** There were no changes to the agenda.
- C. Business:**

**KSSWCD Update (Discussion)**

KSSWCD (Kootenai-Shoshone Soil & Water Conservation District) Representative Karla Freeman introduced herself and explained that, since she was new to her position, she would have KSSWCD Representative Bob Flagor speak for their group. Mr. Flagor explained that the group supported natural resource conservation of all kinds. He said the group had originally been formed to try to cope with soil erosion issues during the Dust Bowl years, and then expanded into other areas. He noted that KSSWCD projects included stabilizing riverbanks on the Coeur d'Alene River and a reconstruction project on Bloomsburg Road.

Mr. Flagor explained that the group received some funding from the Idaho State Soil & Water Conservation Commission but was required to seek additional money themselves from Counties and other entities. He noted that the State matches the funds they gather from other sources at different levels, possibly as much as two to one. He asked that the Commissioners continue to support the group and stated that Kootenai County had given them \$4,000 last year.

Ms. Freeman said she had sent a letter to BOCC Communications Manager Nancy Jones requesting \$6,000 for this coming fiscal year and listing their deadline. Chairman Fillios said the Board would review their request. He noted that next month was when the serious budget talks began.

KSSWCD Representative Linda Ely stated that the group had taken over the boat inspection stations for the Department of Agriculture last year. She explained the primary goal was to prevent the invasive Zebra Mussel species from infesting local waters.

**D. Public Comment (Discussion):** This section is reserved for citizens wishing to address the Board regarding a County-related issue. Idaho Law prohibits Board action on items brought under this section except in an emergency circumstance. Comments related to future public hearings should be held for that public hearing. There was no public comment.

**E. Adjournment (Action):** Chairman Fillios adjourned the meeting at 9:42 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

JIM BRANNON, CLERK

CHRIS FILLIOS, CHAIRMAN

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
Tina Ginorio, Deputy Clerk

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