

AGENDA - FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT 9 MEETING
Wednesday, September 25, 2024 at 9:00AM
OLD COURTHOUSE – Commissioner’s Room
206 S. 1st Ave. Hailey, ID 83333

CALL TO ORDER, ESTABLISH QUORUM: Meeting called to order by Bryan Dilworth at 9:00am. Commissioners Bryan Dilworth and John Wright present.

Also present:

Stephanie Carlson, Amanda Bauman, Jean Marie Bousquet, Chris Corwin, Cory McCaffrey, Larry Shoen, Tom Richmond.

Wright made a motion to update the agenda to add the Bigwood Atlas to the agenda. Dilworth seconds.

ACTION ITEM: Approve Minutes from August 21, 2024, and September 3, 2023

Duplicate paragraph to be removed from the August 21, 2024 minutes. John moves to approve the minutes with that adjustment, Dilworth seconds. The motion to approve the 8/21/24 and 9/3/24 minus passes unanimously.

Bigwood Atlas Discussion:

-Amanda Bauman has a defined budget for this project, phase 1 will cost \$125,000 this fiscal year, and she is requesting \$15,000 for phase 1. Phase 2 will cost \$125,000 and she is requesting an additional \$15,000 from the next fiscal year budget. An invoice was requested for the \$15,000 to come out of this fiscal year’s budget, and it was requested that the invoice be received before September 30, 2024. Amanda will provide the current contract for this project which includes the scope of work.

Bryan Dilworth expressed concern about the FCD9 budget, and making sure there is an income to fund large projects. Wright suggested we look at what the FCD9 was accomplishing when money was being accrued versus what is being accomplished today to see if we are currently moving in a better direction, and completing more projects. He expressed that the Atlas is an important tool that FCD9 can use when looking at the river and addressing areas that need attention.

After some discussion, it was decided that both phases of the Atlas project gathers important information that FCD9 benefits from. Specifically the topography (phase 1) and geomorphic studies (phase 2). He also suggested analyzing our spending and funding to prepare for potential issues with the levees.

Dilworth brought up that a logo and website development can create the feeling like the FCD is operating as a business. Wright and Shoen brought up that the website is necessary to provide transparency to tax payers. Wright also mentioned that tThe FCD9 needs to focus on what the mission is, and participate in projects that represent the mission, such as the Atlas.

Dilworth stated that the FCD9 needs to consider how much money would be needed if a levee failed, and work on balancing between projects and retaining reserve money for

emergency response. There was a discussion on why the current levees are in place, which ones are needed, and what funds are needed to maintain the levees. Wright suggested that FCD9 searches for grants and other funding programs. Shoen suggested having the Corps of Engineers visit and analyze the levees to see what funding and support they can provide, and FCD9 can still go another direction if they don't agree with the findings. He also suggested exploring engineered log jams and other options outside of rip rap, specifically speaking about Broadford. Corwin mentioned that the levees were built by farmers and ranchers, and that the corps originally certified 5 but there are now only 3 certified. Maintaining levees to the corps standards will allow us to use their resources if a levee fails. Dilworst mentioned that Myers, Starbridge, and Broadford could be the three levees that the corps could look at, with the potential to add Zinc Spur (although tree growth in the levee may be an issue).

FINANCIALS (ACTION ITEM):

Paid Bills to Approve Since Last Meeting:

- Stephanie Carlson Invoice #100
- IME
- ICRMP Annual Premium
- Molli Linnet invoice

Bills to Be Paid:

- Becker, Chambers Invoice #37613
- Biota Research & Consulting #19628
 - Biota will be paid by FCD9 upfront, and The Wood River Land Trust and Project Big Wood will reimburse at the end of the project.

BANK UPDATES:

Monthly Remittance Total | Monthly LGIP Interest Earned | DL Evans Balance

SAP UPDATES:

Wright asked if there was an opportunity to add projects to the PL566 project with the Wood River Land Trust. McCaffrey said there isn't an opportunity unless it fits along with one of the projects that have qualified. McCaffrey has a list of those projects from the NRCS.

McCaffrey brought up the upcoming hearing regarding the Heagle Park flood plain project, Monday, September 30, 2024 at 9:00am in the Commissioners Meeting Room.

ACTION ITEM (New Business):

-Appoint Stephanie Carlson as FCD9 Secretary

Wright moved to appoint Stephanie Carlson as the FCD9 Secretary, Dilworth seconded, the motion passed unanimously.

-Idaho State Registry - Stephanie Carlson

Dilworth agreed that the financial statements that were used to complete the Idaho State Registry aligned with the need, and the registry could be completed.

ACTION ITEM (Old Business):

-Secretary Update (Logo, Website, Email Options, office supplies) - Stephanie Carlson

A website update will be added to the agenda for the next meeting. The board agreed to move to Google Workspace for FCD9 business, this includes creating emails for FCD9 Commissioners. Office supplies will now be paid out of petty cash in the amount of \$100. The secretary will track these purchases and the petty cash balance.

-Commissioner Updates

Wright mentioned that Suzanne Pattinson is interested in commissioner position but the meeting time or day would need to be changed in order for her to participate. She is an aquatics biologist from Northern Idaho, and was part of an environmental consulting firm. This will be added to the next agenda, as well as a discussion on changing the meeting time and setting consistent meeting times and days.

-Shoen brought up adopting an investment policy. Dilworth wasn't sure if there is an investment policy and agreed that FCD9 needs to look into if one exists, or developing one.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Tom Richmond-Brought up an illegally constructed dike from the late 80's or early 90's, that caused land owners to lose several acres of their land and it has impacted habitats. He asked for changes to protect properties and infrastructure, and would like this expedited. Shoen suggested that the FCD might not have jurisdiction to make any changes, but the state and County do. Wright would like the FCD9 to be involved in this and suggests the issue is explored in more detail to gather the correct information to see if it is in FCD jurisdiction. Dilworth brought up that the State Statute directs flood control districts to take care of levees and infrastructure, not private property, and Shoen advised against taking on projects that involve private property because that will become an expectation, but public road and bridge counts as infrastructure so there could be a nexus. Shoen also suggested Richmond inform the code enforcement officer.

Dilworth mentioned that the FCD9 is supposed to be the flood management district and that they are accountable to the tax payers for the money that is spent. Wright brought up that restoration is used to protect infrastructure. Bauman said that Project Big Wood and a large group of people would want to be involved in this project and that this is part of a larger restoration project.

Wright suggested that this item is added to the next agenda to discuss further.

NEXT MEETING:

The next meeting is set for Thursday, October the 17th at 9:00am in the Commissioner's Room at the Old Courthouse at 206 S. 1st Ave. in Hailey, ID 83333

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

None

ADJOURN

Wright moves to adjourn the meeting, Dilworth seconds, the meeting is adjourned at 10:57am.