Agenda Items- CCA Meeting March 6, 2020; Adams County Extension Office

9:00 AM Introductions

In attendance: Christine Newton, Wes Pollart, Lanny Huston, Brad Walker, Ron Meyer, Bonnie Laws, Merlin VanDeraa, Bob Leisy, Kierra Jewell.

* Review and Accept last meeting minutes
  + Motion to approve: Bob
  + Secon: Lanny
  + In favor: all
  + Opposed: none.
  + Motion passed, minutes accepted.
* Review Board membership
  + Kierra has chart
    - Bob Leisy (RMAA)
      * Bob has asked RMAA board to find a replacement for the October meeting. This is Bob’s last meeting.
    - Thia Walker has agreed to continue to approve CEU’s for meetings.
    - Chart was updated 3/9/20 with Lanny continuing until 2022.
* Committee Reports
  + Exam –Merlin Van Deraa/Bonnie Laws
    - Exam – Results
    - Exam – Feedback
    - Angoff Exam Analysis
      * Everyone got the same training and the same test to take.
      * Instructions were to take the test as if you were a barely passing CCA. Put down percentage that you thought would get the correct answer.
      * After everyone took the test, they went through as a group and readjusted the percentage on questions if there was a large difference between answers.
      * The process determines the cut score.
    - Questions for Kierra to get answered from Michele at ICCA:
      * How many took the test?
      * What info can they provide us? We’d like to market educational activities toward our members. It would be nice to know what areas are lacking.
      * How many people had difficulties taking the test or errors with the online system?
      * These questions were sent to Michele 3/9/20
  + Finance/Budget  - Brad Walker
    - Motion to approve budget: Bob
    - Second: Wes
    - In favor: all
    - Opposed: none
    - Budget approved.
    - Budget discussion:
      * We are approximately $2000 in the hole each year. Trying to generate income without raising fees again.
      * Can we get Wilma to donate some of the profit from the crop clinic to us? Ron will check when he meets with her in the next couple weeks.
      * How can we get more sponsors next crop clinic? Brad will solicit donations from sponsors going forward. Taking over from Bob Leisy.
      * Suggestion from Christine: could we take a cut when entities sign up to have CEUs at their meeting? Other Colorado organizations are currently doing this. They charge a fee for each credit requested. We could charge between $20-$25 per credit. A company could request 10 credits and would pay us $200+.
        + We already post the credit opportunities online and do market them to CCAs. This is basically for free, and drives people to their meeting, paying them more in registration fees.
        + Need to ask Jessica about logistics and legality of such a thing. Kierra sent email 3/9/20 with this question.
        + Motion to research the legality of $25/credit (or other amount) for each company that submits for CEUs by Bob Leisy.
        + Seconded by Merlin VanDeraa. All in favor, none opposed.
  + Marketing – Lanny Huston
* Hand out CCA decals
  + Send Lanny your address if you’d like a stack of decals to hand out at events to other CCAs.
* Membership CCAs: How many do we have this year? 144 are on mailing list.
  + How does that number compare to earlier years? Unknown. Kierra will send email to Jessica to find out. (email sent 3/9/20)
* Lanny will send Kierra list of various boards in Colorado (i.e. corn, sunflower, etc) and a contact so that we can send them the CCA brochure to share with their members.
  + Standards and Ethics- Mike Rigirozzi. Mike cannot attended and do not have anything to report.
  + Education – Ron Meyer
    - CSU crop clinic was Dec. 5th and 6th in Fort Morgan.
    - How much money did the Colorado CCA make
    - Ron will talk with Wilma about donating to CCA board.
    - Will set up sponsor button on registration website again.
    - Next clinic is the 1st week in December.
* Christine Newton’s report on the “New Standard”
  + Every 5 years the standards are reviewed. States have 1 year to supplement with state specific data. We are at that stage currently. NRCS is working with stakeholders on comments.
  + Comments can’t change names or where something applies. It can make a standard more strict but cannot loosen it from the national standard.
  + Christine will send us a powerpoint that has links along with just the links for anyone that wants to make comments. The links also contain tools for risk assessments that NRCS uses to help consultants.
  + eRams has a map out for N leeching and P runoff as well (Bonnie)
  + NRCS no longer requires planners to be CCAs but they may try to continue to help with CCA renewals as incentives.
  + Criteria language is mandatory, considerations are optional.
* Regulation 85 WQCC Hearing Oct. 13th 2020 – Brad
  + Do we want to get party status so we can testify at the hearing?
  + We want to let them know that consultants are recommending BMPs and farmers are using them.
  + Could we send a survey to CCAs for info on it?
  + Need to get CCAs to see people in state congress to talk to them about the CCA program and its necessity. Do we have anyone that can do this in the fall? Bob mentioned a wheat grower that spent a great deal of time knocking on doors and talking to offices in Denver that was able to get more people to listen to the concerns of Ag when making laws.
  + Bob moved that we get party status to testify at the WQCC meeting.
    - Ron seconded. All in favor. None opposed.
    - Brad will look into getting the party status set up.

* New Business: none
* Next meeting: October 9th, 9am-12noon at Adams cty fairgrounds. Kierra will book.

12:00 PM Adjourn