

ADAMS SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
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Chairman: Wendy Green Phone: 208-253-4668

Board Meeting Minutes

Date, Time, Location: November 15, 2023; 6 PM; at office and via Zoom

Present: Chairman Wendy Green; Supervisor Judy Dietch; Supervisor Charles Munden; Supervisor Kris Stone via Zoom; Supervisor Julie Burkhardt via Zoom

Others Present: Admin Assistant Holden McKee; Bill Lillibridge ISWCC via Zoom; Brian Davis USFS via Zoom; Jeff Luff via Zoom

Call to Order: Wendy called the meeting to order @ 6:03 PM

Approval of Agenda: Charles moved to approve the agenda for the November 15, 2023 Meeting. Julie seconded the motion and the board approved.

Approval of Minutes: Charles moved to approve the October 11, 2023 Minutes. Julie seconded the motion and the board approved.

Charles moved to approve the October 25, 2023 Minutes. Judy seconded the motion and the board approved.

Miscellaneous Business (Non Action):

ISWCC Report: Bill reported to the board that the Performance Report is due December 20th to the ISWCC. The ISWCC made several new hires and could be reshuffling their staff. Corey Parsley has been hired as an administrative assistant, Jake Conley as a natural resource conservationist, and Sarah

Quingin as a natural resource conservationist. Bill is waiting for the road department to hire a new road district supervisor before discussing more 319 projects with them.

Bill was able to travel to the district and get measurements for the project at the East side ditch. He also discussed river overflow treatment options with Ferrell Crossley and Calvin Filmore (3 sites). Calvin also discussed his bridge project with Bill and already has an engineering firm for the project. Next time he is in the area he is hoping to check out the weir at Grays Creek. Kris made it known if any projects need welding work that Eric Stone is available.

NRCS Report:

Ron Brooks didn't attend the meeting.

IASCD Director's Report:

Wendy reported that the conference was well attended with about 150 to 170 people. Judy and Charles enjoyed the conference, the food, and the field trips.

Old Business (Action):

Shared Stewardship:

Brian reported that Scott Sievers has accepted a new position with IDL. He will be a supervisor/private forestry specialist. He will do double duty with his old position until his old position is filled.

Brian reported Year end numbers from the Shared Stewardship projects this year. Payette National Forest completed 24,000 acres of prescribe fires and 4200 acres of mechanical thinning. Adams County completed 26 acres of hazardous fuel treatment with Tile 3 funds with an expected 3 to

4 acres to be completed by end of year. They also have contracted 38 miles of roadside brush removal in the Bear & Cuprum area. The contractor has already completed 5 acres and IDL would like to do more outreach in the area.

IDL within Adams County has done 1200 acres of non-commercial thinning, 1800 acres harvested with 343 acres thinned. NRCS has completed 7.4 acres of shared stewardship projects within Adams County using EQIP funds.

Brian mentioned that IDL public outreach efforts have gone a long way in getting projects. He reported that IDL NRCS grant application for \$25 million for shared stewardship funds wasn't accepted. They plan to reapply for the grant possibly as soon as January 2024.

New Business (Action):

Performance Report:

The board reviewed the Performance report and noted some corrections or missing financial data that was needed. Judy moved to approve the Performance Report pending corrections to the report. Charles seconded the motion and the board approved.

Leger Hills Plat Application:

Adams County asked the board to review John Moyle's "Leger Hills Plat subdivision" application. The board didn't see any water and soil conservation issues with the subdivision application. The board would like to communicate with the county that in the future to send applications earlier to review.

NACD Fee: Judy moved to approve the \$250 NACD fee for the 2023/2024 year. Charles seconded the motion and the board approved.

SIF Invoice: Judy moved to approve to pay the SIF Invoice of \$168. Kris seconded the motion and the board approved.

Soil Health Symposium: The Soil Health Symposium will be held in Ontario, OR at the Four Rivers Cultural Center on February 8, 2023. Their registration fee will increase to \$40 per individual. They are still working on a theme for the symposium and board members can send feedback on a theme if they want to.

They are hoping to have several speakers for the symposium. Two of the speakers are Dale Strickler, an agronomist and Steve Colman who want to discuss soil health assessments. They are also hoping that Matt Gabica will bring his no till drill to the symposium.

Gray's Creek Ditch Weir: The irrigation district that runs the Gray's Creek Ditch received a letter from the state. That their weir needs to be replaced because its not working properly. Judy will need to discuss it with their board about possibly having the ASWCD help with finding funding to replace the weir. Judy has also discussed the weir with Bill and would like further input in the future regarding replacing the weir.

Treasurer's Report (Action):

Main/CWMA Account: The Main account balance was \$49,127.49 and the CWMA account balance is \$1,883.57. Judy moved to approve the Treasurer's Report. Charles seconded the motion and the board approved.

Closing Remarks:

Items for December Agenda: Local government registry financial reporting, winter meetings, policies, water jet stinger cart.

The district also discussed Dunham ranch renting the no till drill and storing the water jet stingers

Next regular meeting will be December 13th at 6:00 p.m. via Zoom/Office

The meeting was adjourned at 7:21 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Holden McKee