

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

Board Meeting Minutes

Date, Time, Location: September 10, 2025; 6 PM; at office and via Zoom

Present: Chairman Wendy Green; Supervisor Judy Dietch; Supervisor Charles Munden; Supervisor Kris Stone; Meghan Brooksher ISWCC via Zoom; Ron Brooks NRCS via Zoom; Holden McKee District Manager

Call to Order: Wendy called the meeting to order @ 6:00 PM

Approval of Agenda: Judy moved to approve the August 10, 2025 Agenda and adding Purple Air to Old Business (No Action) Charles seconded the motion, and the board approved.

Approval of Minutes: Charles moved to approve August 13, 2025 Minutes with corrections. Judy seconded the motion, and the board approved.

Miscellaneous Business (Non Action):

ISWCC Report: Meghan Brooksher presented her report and notes to the board:

- 1.. Commission News
 - a. The Commission has hired Kaitlyn Parks to fill the empty NRC position in DIV I. Kaitlyn will start with the Commission on September 15th in the Boise office for two weeks.
- B. Potential IDWR Merger
 - a. Districts should be receiving surveys soon to get districts input.

- C. The Idaho Act
 - a. Governor Little's Executive Order 2025-05
 - b. The order imposes a 3% General Fund holdback for Fiscal year 2026. This will affect what is available for district match allocations by \$47,500.

- D. District Allocations Working Group (DAWG)
 - a. The DAWG met on September 8th to discuss recommendations for match allocations to be distributed to districts in FY26. Match funds should be received by districts in October or November. \$811,300 available for District Match.

- E. Aging Infrastructure Grant
 - a. Still waiting

- F. Reminders
 - a. Fall Division III meeting October 14th in Weiser.

Bill Lillibridge sent his report/update by email. It states:

Thorn Creek: working with Wendy on invoices. Correcting billable rates and invoice items to make sure we capture all match (riprap, excavator costs)

Crossley: assisting with 404 permit for gravel removal

Schwenkfelder: has requested assistance on new barbs and gravel removal. This is Weiser River District but Adams has participated in the past on the project sites, so giving update.

Will Adams SWCD and the road department be looking for their next project? If so, please let me know which one(s).

NRCS Report:

The NRCS working group meeting will be on September 18th at 10 AM. They will be discussing what percentage of funding will go to certain types of projects.

IASCD Director's Report:

Travis Jones has resigned from the Director of the IASCD. The board did discuss what skills they would like in the next IASCD Director.

Old Business (Action):

No Till Drill Updates:

Gary Poole rented the no till drill and Dunhams have told the district they would like to rent it again. Wendy asked the board if they would be interested in the future with the district hosting a no till drill tour for the community. The board discussed maybe trying to partner with a landowner and NRCS. The board discussed trying to host this event in the spring of 2025.

Agenda Template:

The board decided to change the agenda template for future meetings. There will be a separate section for public comments, supervisor comments, and upcoming events.

Partners Report:

None of the board members made it up to New Meadows to check on the progress of past projects. Will try to get to New Meadows in the future.

Purple Air:

Kris was told that the Purple Air monitors, and the DEQ air monitors data haven't been matching. After research there is a discrepancy with the

Purple Air monitors in that they could be very biased when there is a lot of smoke.

New Business (Action):

Thorn Creek Pmt request: Wendy did review a cost detail spreadsheet for the Thorn Creek project. She did ask the board if the district could help with any expenses with a cash match if needed. The board members discussed and may approve at the next meeting if needed.

East Fork Ditch: No updates

ICRMP: The board reviewed the ICRMP updated insurance policies. There is a addition for terrorism coverage and the board asked Holden if it could be declined. There is also an addition of insurance coverage up to \$10,000 on the building and other items. Holden will talk with David Gray later this month for more information.

Judy moved to approve the ICRMP annual insurance invoice of \$2,612. Charles seconded the motion and the board approved.

Division III meeting: The Division III meeting will be October 14th in Weiser, ID at the train depot. All board members plan to attend the meeting. The IDWR/ISWCC merger will be a topic of discussion at the meeting.

Legos: Kris presented to the board an after-school program involving Legos and robotics for students in Council. Even though it's not tied to agriculture or natural resources the board believes it could educate students about engineering. As such the

board decided to fund the Lego after school program for the 2025-2026 school year.

Judy moved to approve the district in donating \$1,652.80 to fund the Lego after school program for 2025-2026 school year. Charles seconded the motion and the board approved.

Treasurer's Report (Action):

Main/CWMA Accounts:

The main account balance as of 9-8-2025 was \$48,100.12 and the CWMA balance was \$1,854.47. The LGIP balance as of 9-8-2025 was \$30,296.44. The board did discuss increasing the LGIP contribution in the future. Wendy did tell the board that the IASCD dues will decrease next year.

The board did amend a motion that the board previously approved in purchasing a wireless mic earlier this year. Judy moved to approve the purchase of a wireless mic from \$200 to \$422.94. Charles seconded the motion and the board approved.

Judy moved to approve the Treasurer's Report. Charles seconded the motion and the board approved.

Closing Remarks:

Items for September Meeting: LGIP, Div III, East Fork, Thorn Creek, Workers Comp

Next regular meeting will be September 10th at 6:00 p.m. via Zoom/Office

The meeting was adjourned at 7:56 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Holden McKee