

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

Board Meeting Minutes

- Date, Time, Location:** May 8, 2024; 6 PM; at office and via Zoom
- Present:** Chairman Wendy Green; Supervisor Judy Dietch; Supervisor Charles Munden; Supervisor Julie Burkhardt; Supervisor Kris Stone was absent/excused.
- Others Present:** Admin Assistant Holden McKee; Lisa Kautzi Payette National Forest Service; Chris Friend CWMA; Meghan Brooksher ISWCC via Zoom
- Call to Order:** Wendy called the meeting to order @ 6:05 PM
- Approval of Agenda:** Charles moved to approve the May 8, 2024 Agenda. Judy seconded the motion and the board approved.
- Approval of Minutes:** Judy moved to approve the April 10, 2024 Minutes. Judy seconded the motion and the board approved.
- New Business (Action):**
- CERC:** Lisa Kautzi reported that student labor for CERC will cost \$15/hr. and supervisor labor will cost \$20/hr. According to Lisa, the 4-day work week with a 4-person crew not including team leader will cost \$2,583. The district already budgeted \$3,500 for CERC. The district scheduled the CERC crew to work June 19, 20, 24, & 25. The district will confirm the rest of the details for the June 2024 meeting when Kris Stone can attend.

## **Miscellaneous Business (Non Action):**

### **ISWCC Report:**

Meghan reported that the ISWCC has been very busy with WQPA applications. She reported a possible WQPA project in our district relayed to her from NRCS. It is a cattle exclusion riparian fencing project in New Meadows with landowners Wilbur and Kroll.

The proposed fencing project for Kroll would be for 2,920.3 ft of fencing with a riparian exclusion area of 29.95 acres. Wilbur proposed fencing project would be 5,269.34 ft of fencing with a riparian exclusion area of 102.2 acres. Meghan was able to get a list of fencing contractors from NRCS EQIP projects. She also found NRCS fencing rates that are \$2.49/ft of fencing. WQPA can double those rates at \$4.98/ft of fencing.

Using those rates to make a budget the total cost of Wilbur fencing project could be \$26,241.31 and Kroll fencing project cost at \$14,543.09. The total cost would be \$40,784.40. WQPA would cover 65% of the costs: \$17,057 of Wilbur's project and \$9,453 of Kroll's project. The district would get paid an administrative fee of \$4,078.40 from WQPA.

Meghan included the life expectancy of fence post depending on if it's treated and the kind of wood. Western Red Cedar posts untreated last 12-15 years and treated last 20-25 years. Lodgepole & Ponderosa Pine posts untreated lasts 2-4 years and treated last 20-25 years. Aspen or Cottonwood posts untreated last 1-3 years and treated last 15-20 years. Douglas Fir or Western

Hemlock posts untreated last 3-6 years and treated last 20-35 years.

The board discussed the projects and agreed that the district should submit a WQPA application. Julie moved to submit a WQPA application for Kroll and Wilbur projects with a rating of high priority. Charles seconded the motion and the board approved. These projects could lead to future projects that include irrigation infrastructure and riparian planting.

The board also discussed a riparian planting project in New Meadows with landowners Ken Roller and Michael Breyman. It could possibly be applied for a 319 or Ag BMP grant. The district will contact the landowners to see if they still have interest.

**NRCS Report:**

Ron Brooks was absent.

**IASCD Director's Report:**

No updates

**CWMA Spray Days:**

The CWMA spray day for Lappin Rd will be rescheduled. Wendy said she will email the board members the CWMA spray day schedule.

**Old Business (Action):**

**Partners Report:**

No updates

**No Till Drill Updates:**

The no till drill has been busy even with the weather the last few weeks. As of the meeting date the acreage meter is 107 acres. Veselkas drilled approximately 40 acres, Dunhams drilled 37 acres with more acres yet to drill, and Thiessens will also use the drill. The Dunhams

have noted that if you have a tractor with 80 horsepower (hp) it only works well on flat ground. They recommend that we tell others that they need tractors with 100 hp. The Dunhams were impressed with the no till drill.

**New Business (Action):**

**Thorn Creek Culvert:**

Wendy contacted Adam Balderson with Adams County to see if the budget costs were still valid for the Thorn Creek project. The costs went down so the project application is valid for the Idaho Water Resource Board grant which is due June 7th. The county commission does need to approve the project.

The estimated costs that were in the 319 application were \$57,655 in total. 319 would have covered \$34,593 and the match would have been \$23,062. The district would have received \$3,000 in administration fees. The 319 grant would have covered 60% of the project but the IDWR grant will cover 50%.

Judy moved that the district submit the Thorn Creek Project for the IWRB grant pending Adams County approval. Charles seconded the motion and the board approved.

**Water Jet Stinger:**

Charles purchased the wheel kit. He researched more prices, and most are still competitive from what found. The estimated cost for the pump will be approximately \$800 and \$200 for hoses/fittings. After discussion the board decided to make the pump and hoses/fitting purchases. Julie moved to allocate \$1,200 to purchase the

pump, hoses, and fittings. Judy seconded the motion and the board approved.

**WQPA Project:**

Discussed in the ISWCC Report

**Bookkeeping Options:**

Wendy contacted a CPA firm in Nampa who could also provide non-CPA accounting work too. They told Wendy they could probably do our bookkeeping in about an hour/month for approximately \$100/hr. Wendy will get a firm quote from them for the next meeting.

Holden will contact Weiser River again about how and who they outsource their bookkeeping to. Another possibility is Lamn & Company who does bookkeeping for Gem SWCD.

**Treasurer's Report (Action):**

**Main/CWMA Accounts:**

The board discussed upgrading the CTC internet/phone package to higher speed to improve audio quality of Zoom meetings. Judy moved to approve upgrading the internet/phone package. Charles seconded the motion and the board approved.

The main account balance is \$47,832.40 and the CWMA balance is \$1,703.50. The CWMA balance is lower due to purchasing weed books for \$181. Julie moved to approve the Treasurers Report. Judy seconded the motion and the board approved.

**Closing Remarks:**

**Items for April Agenda:** CERC, Budget, Air Quality (Mark Boyle), ID Ag Classroom

**Next regular meeting will be June 12th at 6:00 p.m. via Zoom/Office**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:44 p.m.  
Respectfully submitted by Holden McKee

**Amendment to ISWCC Report:**

Meghan misspoke at the last meeting when I said the admin fee would be \$4,078. For the Little Salmon River – Meadows Valley Riparian Fencing project WQPA application requested \$29,159 in funding and an additional \$2,916 in admin fees. Admin fee is 10% of requested WQPA funds.