

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

Board Meeting Minutes

- Date, Time, Location:** March 13, 2024; 6 PM; at office and via Zoom
- Present:** Chairman Wendy Green; Supervisor Judy Dietch;
Supervisor Charles Munden
- Supervisor Kris Stone was absent/excused;
Supervisor Julie Burkhardt was absent
- Others Present:** Admin Assistant Holden McKee; Meghan
Brooksher ISWCC via Zoom; Ron Brooks NRCS, Bill
Lillibridge ISWCC via Zoom.
- Call to Order:** Wendy called the meeting to order @ 6:00 PM
- Approval of Agenda:** Judy moved to approve the agenda for the March 13, 2024 meeting Agenda. Charles seconded the motion and the board approved.
- Approval of Minutes:** Charles moved to approve the February 14, 2024 Minutes with ISWCC report corrections. Judy seconded the motion and the board approved.
- Miscellaneous Business (Non Action):**
- NRCS Report:** Ron Brooks reported that they are starting to see results from the EQUIP rankings to see which projects get funded. They should find out by the end of the week which projects get approval. Even then there is possibly additional funding that could later for more projects.

The NRCS state conservationist has left to take the Midwest regional conservationist position that is in Washington DC. They are not sure when a replacement could be hired which could take up to a year. In regards to the NRCS Ag Open House that took place at the ASWCD District office today. There was only one individual from New Meadows who showed up asking about NRCS services. Ron is hoping to schedule a date to go out to New Meadows to check out that individual property.

ISWCC Report:

Meghan reported that the bill regarding the ISWCC is still moving through the Idaho Legislature. The ISWCC budget for FY25 just needs the Governor's signature. The WQPA budget will be \$1 million for FY 25 and the ISWCC meeting on April 4th. They will discuss revisions for the WQPA application process. As such not every district will get a WQPA project funded. The ISWCC match funding for districts was approved at \$75,400 for districts.

Bill reported that he has been busy working on grant writing, cost estimates, and draft designs for projects. He was able to talk to Ferrell Crossley in regards the gravel pileup on the Weiser River/Goodrich Creek on his property. They did discuss putting in more large relief culverts but, Bill needs to go to Crossley property and look at the issue more. There has been some work done by the Little Weiser River Trail.

IASCD Director's Report:

Division III Review

New Business (Action):

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Wendy asked the board for any feedback on how Sprockets catered the lunch at the meeting. The board was impressed with the catering and Wendy even recommended Sprockets to the CWMA for their weed tour. The board discussed giving an additional gratuity to Sprocket. Judy moved to approve a \$75 gratuity to Sprockets. Charles seconded the motion and the board approved.

Wendy also asked for feedback regarding the meeting itself. The board liked the discussion regarding the IASCD state convention. They were able to get good feedback from other supervisors & administrative assistants.

Old Business (Action):

Partners Report:

"There were no reports from conservation partners."

New Business (Action):

5 Yr & Annual Plan:

The board reviewed the Draft version of the 5 Year & Annual Plan. Wendy said that she will update the county agriculture data, economic data, etc. The board reviewed the goals, mission, and priorities of the ASWCD sections in the report.

In the Trends Impacting Conservation section the board added "Increase Risk of Catastrophic Wildfire. In the Projects planned section they amended in regards to purchasing the no till drill to outreach and leasing the no till drill. They also added Shared Stewardship to the projects section. In the funding sources section they took out the

Adams CWMA grant since there is no current funding from them.

Judy moved to approve and submit the 5 Year & Annual Plan with the recommended changes. Charles seconded the motion and the board approved.

Bookkeeping Options:

Due to the ongoing QuickBooks account issue the board would like find alternative bookkeeping options the district. Wendy asked the board to find other bookkeepers in the area and their costs to review in next month's meeting.

Treasurer's Report (Action):

Main/CWMA Accounts:

The main account balance is \$44,911.64 and the CWMA balance is \$1,884.19. The board will also like to discuss amending the 23/24FY Budget due to the no till drill purchase.

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

Closing Remarks:

Items for April Agenda:

Water Jet Stinger, Bookkeeping options, Budget Amendment, Weed tour, CERC, No Till Drill, Thorn Creek Culvert, Ag in Classroom- Jodi Mink

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

The meeting was adjourned at 7:13 p.m.
Respectfully submitted by Holden McKee