

ADAMS SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT  
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Board Meeting Minutes

**Date, Time, Location:** April 10, 2024; 6 PM; at office and via Zoom

**Present:** Chairman Wendy Green; Supervisor Judy Dietch;  
Supervisor Charles Munden; Supervisor Kris Stone

Supervisor Julie Burkhardt was absent

**Others Present:** Admin Assistant Holden McKee; Meghan  
Brooksher ISWCC via Zoom

**Call to Order:** Wendy called the meeting to order @ 6:01 PM

**Approval of Agenda:** Judy moved to approve the agenda with the addition of Scholarships under new business for the April 10, 2024 meeting Agenda. Charles seconded the motion and the board approved.

**Approval of Minutes:** Charles moved to approve the March 13, 2024 Minutes. Judy seconded the motion and the board approved.

**Miscellaneous Business (Non Action):**

**ISWCC Report:** Meghan reported that Governor Little signed legislation for FY2025. Which includes \$1 million for the WQPA and an additional \$75,400 for match disbursements for conservation districts. The \$75,400 for conservation districts will be an ongoing appropriation in future state budgets.

Due to the decrease in WQPA funding the ISWCC have changed their criteria in awarding WQPA

funding. Cost share for projects will now be 65% with a max of \$75,000 per project. These application period will be from April 15<sup>th</sup> to May 15<sup>th</sup> and the projects will be implemented from 7-1-2024 to 5-31-2025. Other grant applications that are due is first the 319 grant which is due July 15<sup>th</sup>, Aging Infrastructure Grant due August 2<sup>nd</sup>, and Flood Management grant due June 7<sup>th</sup>.

**NRCS Report:**

Ron Brooks was absent

**IASCD Director's Report:**

Wendy reported that the IASCD hasn't received any updates regarding the University of Idaho Smart grants. Wendy also wanted to say that she has spoken to Ferrell Crossley regarding the gravel pileup issue with the Weiser River & Goodrich Creek on his property. He isn't advocating for funding to fix the issue but wants engineering help and help with getting permits for the project.

**New Business (Action):**

**LS Landowner request:**

Wendy reported to the board that Kurt Kroll has asked for assistance with conservation projects on his 100 acres in New Meadows. He is looking for some technical help and cost share help with his projects. He wants to do stream bank restoration, fencing, riparian work, etc.

Wendy also discussed if we need to setup criteria do determine which landowners we help in the district. The board agreed as of now that we should help as much as we can when a landowner asks for assistance. The district would like to do a site visit to Kurt Kroll property.

**Old Business (Action):**

**Partners Report:**

Brian Davis contacted Charles about grass seeds for shared stewardship projects. To help him Charles sent him a grass seed invoice he had to show what seed he used.

**New Business (Action):**

**Ag in Classroom:**

N/A

**Pollinator Unit:**

Val Armichardy asked Kris if the district would be willing to purchase supplies for the continuation of the pollinator project for the 7<sup>th</sup> grade class in Council. The board discussed the project and thought it was a great idea. The board would like to ask Val Armichardy if the class could provide a report or video of the project. Judy moved that Kris could purchase the necessary supplies for the pollinator project. Charles seconded the motion and the board approved.

**Thorn Creek Culvert:**

The board will resubmit the Thorn Creek Culvert project under the flood management grant which is due June 7<sup>th</sup>. Meghan and Wendy will get the application updated and will finalize it at next month's meeting.

**No Till Drill:**

The recent weather (rain) has delayed any interest in landowners wanting to use the no till drill. Charles will donate a grease gun and Holden will purchase more grease when needed.

**Weed Tour:**

The CWMA weed tour will be at the Indian Valley Community Center on June 11<sup>th</sup>. The district discussed that they would contribute to the tour by helping pay for the lunch. Wendy asked Holden

to send them the cost information that the district has from Sprockets. Charles moved that they help pay up to \$12 a person. Judy seconded the motion and the board approved.

**CERC:**

Lisa Kautzi is now the CERC manager at the Forest Service. Wendy said the CWMA had the CERC crew work on mapping, med sage, and weed surveys last year. The ASWCD last year had the crew work on bee surveys, water quality, etc. The district would like to find new jobs that the CERC crew could do.

The district does want to hire the CERC crew again and have funds in the budget up to \$3,500. Judy moved that the district hire the CERC crew up to the budgeted amount of \$3,500. Charles seconded the motion and the board approved.

**Water Jet Stinger:**

Charles reported that it would take \$800 to \$1,000 to purchase a pump and hoses for the water jet stinger. The pump at minimum would need to be 80 PSI, pump 120 gal/minute, and have a 18ft intake left. He also reported it would take about \$150 to \$250 to purchase a cart for the stinger. Instead of a cart he recommended purchasing a wheel kit which is only \$45.

The board discussed that for now to just purchase the wheel kit and not all the pump/hoses yet. Judy moved to authorize Charles to purchase the wheel kit for the stinger at \$45. Kris seconded the motion and the board approved.

**Amend Budget:**

The board discussed that the FY23-24 budget needs to be amended because of the purchase of the no till drill. This isn't just needed for our

records to be more accurate but also for the district to report accurate numbers to the state when needed. The board decided that changing the budget is necessary.

Kris moved to amend the FY 23/24 budget to include the purchase of the no till drill of \$47,100. Judy seconded the motion and the board approved. Judy moved to add No Till Drill rental income of \$3,000 to the FY23-24 budget. Kris seconded the motion and the board approved.

**Bookkeeping Options:**

The district is still having issues with QuickBooks and is exploring outsourcing their bookkeeping. Holden emailed an accountant in Cambridge, ID but haven't heard back yet. Holden also will contact Weiser River SCD about their bookkeeping since they outsource theirs Other board members on the board will research other options as well.

**Scholarships:**

The district didn't receive any scholarship applications. As such the board discussed extending the deadline to May 1<sup>st</sup>. Judy moved to extend the deadline to May 1<sup>st</sup>. Charles seconded the motion and the board approved.

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

**Main/CWMA Accounts:**

The main account balance is \$47,951.97 which includes a \$4,000 deposit from Adams County. The CWMA balance is \$1,884.34. Charles moved to approve the Treasurer's Report. Judy seconded the motion and the board approved.

**Closing Remarks:**

**Items for April Agenda:** CERC, Water Jet Stingers, Bookkeeping options, scholarships

Next regular meeting will be May 8th at 6:00 p.m. via Zoom/Office

The meeting was adjourned at 7:26 p.m.  
Respectfully submitted by Holden McKee