

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

Board Meeting Minutes

Date, Time, Location: March 11, 2026; 6:00 PM; at office and via Zoom

Present: Chairman Wendy Green; Supervisor Judy Dietch; Supervisor Charles Munden; Supervisor Kris Stone; Holden McKee District Manager; Meghan Brooksher ISWCC via Zoom, Bill Lillibridge ISWCC via Zoom, Ferrel Crossley.

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

Approval of Agenda: Charles moved to approve the March 11, 2026 Agenda. Kris seconded the motion, and the board approved.

Approval of Minutes: Charles moved to approve February 11, 2026 Minutes with corrections. Kris seconded the motion, and the board approved.

Public Comments: N/A

Miscellaneous Business (Non Action):

ISWCC Report: Bill reported that the ISWCC/IDWR merger is still going through the state legislature. It does look like the state funds through all agencies will receive a 5% deduction that will affect match allocations. There was a bill that tried to change elections from November to May that would affect soil and water conservation. That bill was pulled in committee.

Bill discussed the Goodrich Creek gravel project. It would have to have a cultural resource review before the project can move forward. Bill said that Ferrel Crossley doesn't want to pay for the review. There is also the disposal issue of where to put the gravel after its collected from the creek.

Meghan notes are attached below:

A. Commission News

a. Commission had an NRC position open in Norther Idaho. We received 15 applications and Bill Lillibridge hopes to start interviews soon. The Commission should also have a fiscal position (Boise office) open Mid-March. Currently it is looking to be very unlikely that WQPA will be funded this year, but nothing is for sure yet. So please keep talking to your legislators!

B. Projects

a. Aging Infrastructure – East Fork Ditch
Please remember to keep track of any time/milage the Adams Board or Holden spends on this grant. We are allowed to count time on this grant going back to November 21, 2025 (when it was approved). Per Email Wendy sent.
ii. Any new updates? Has IWRB sent contracting back?

C. Reminders

a. Five-year and annual plans due March 31st

Ferrel Crossley later joined the meeting and discussed with the board the Goodrich Creek project. Bill will coordinate a site visit for the Goodrich Creek project.

NRCS Report:N/A

IASCD Director's Report: IASCD will interview the four finalists for the Director position soon.

Legos: The last Lego meeting will be March 12th, and Kris will have a final report for the next meeting.

Greenhouse soil experiments: Students will start working in the greenhouse on March 12th.

Natural Resource Camp: Kris informed teachers in Council and New Meadows about the Natural Resource Camp scholarship and they will let the students know.

Old Business (Action):

Partners Report: Charles reported that to reserve the New Meadows Senior Center for the weed & forestry tour it would cost a \$100 deposit, \$20/hr. for use, and a \$65 kitchen use fee. Stephanie Becher, the new communication coordinator for the senior center could possibly help with advertising the weed and forestry tours.

Judy moved to allocate \$500 for the weed tour lunch. Charles seconded the motion and the board approved.

The district will use the CERC crew to work on med sage.

East Fork Ditch: The East Fork Ditch company is hoping to work on box 1 of the East Fork project before the irrigation season. Drawings have been revised for the headgate which is now at 2 ft.

New Business (Action):

5YR/Annual Plan:

The board reviewed the FY2026/2027 Five Year/Annual Plan.

Judy moved to approve the FY2026-2027 Five Year/Annual Plan. Charles seconded the motion and the board approved.

ASWCD/weed insert:

The board reviewed two draft versions of the ASWCD/Weed insert and will make a final decision at the next meeting.

Charles moved to approve two \$100 deposits for the weed and forestry tour for the senior center. Judy seconded the motion and the board approved.

Larry Fitchett:

Larry Fitchett is a landowner in Indian Valley and is hoping to find funds to hire individuals to plant 2,000 trees on 20 acres on land. It would cost approximately \$90-\$120/acre to plant trees. He already has a 319 grant to purchase the materials for the project.

Trail Field Trip:

This was discussed in the ISWCC report in that they may want to visit the Goodrich Creek project site.

Agriculture protection:

Tabled to next month's meeting. Will discuss a template ordinance.

Treasurer's Report (Action):

Main, CWMA, LGIP Accounts: The main account balance is \$18,342.74 the CWMA balance is \$1,854.61, and the LGIP balance is \$61,111.74 with \$177.44 earned in February.

Judy moved to approve a \$200 donation to the Adams County fair board. 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:

Supervisor Comments: Discussed if the board should look into Persi benefits for the administration position.

Items for March Meeting: Fair booth, Persi, Scholarship, Lego, natural resource camp, Ag Day

Upcoming Events: 5YR/Annual Plan due 3-31-2026
Weed Tour 6-18-2026
Forestry Tour 6-25-2026

Next regular meeting will be April 8th at 12:00 p.m. via Zoom/Office

The meeting was adjourned at 7:26 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Holden McKee