

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

Board Meeting Minutes

- Date, Time, Location:** December 10, 2025; 12 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; Ron Brooks NRCS via Zoom; Glen Carsten Weiser River Trail via Zoom
- Call to Order:** Wendy called the meeting to order @ 12:02 PM
- Approval of Agenda:** Judy moved to approve the December 10, 2025 Agenda. Charles seconded the motion, and the board approved.
- Approval of Minutes:** Charles moved to approve November 12, 2025 Minutes. Judy seconded the motion, and the board approved.
- Public Comments:**
- Miscellaneous Business (Non Action):**
- ISWCC Report:** Attached below are Meghan notes for the ISWCC report:
- A. Commission News / Potential IDWR Merger
 - a. Recommendations reports have been given by Director Mat Weaver, George Hitz, and the Langdon group at conference, to IWRB, and to Idaho DODGE Task Force. Chair of IWRB Jeff

Raybould said at this meeting the IWRB has no desire to dabble in the affairs of the Commission and no desire to take over any of the commission's programs or projects. If the merger goes through the IWRB will remain sperate from the Commission board.

b. Per Idaho News 2 article ISWCC was identified as "low hanging fruit" by the Idaho DODGE task force. Merger has been recommended for legislation. Recommendations from the task force will be heard in committee during the upcoming legislative session, where more testimony is expected.

B. Aging Infrastructure – East Fork Ditch project

a. Project has been approved for funding by Idaho Water Resource Board. Project was approved in the amount of \$89,430.00, with \$86,230.00 going to East Fork and \$3,200.00 going to Adams SWCD for administration on grant. District should receive contracts from IWRB in the next few weeks per Neeley Miller. Does district want to come up with some type of contract between East Fork Ditch and themselves?

C. Reminders

- a. I will be out of the office December 15th - 19th
- b. Performance Reports due December 20th
- c. IASCD Legislative social January 15, 2026

Then Bill Lillibridge and Glen Carsten with the Weiser River Trail discussed with the board that the soil erosion project along the Weiser River that they would like the district to help with. The board recommended that Bill help Glen Carsten

and the Weiser River trail project and that the board will help find grants that they could apply for.

Bill also reported that Calvin Filmore wants help with permitting the work he is doing on his land. Also, Ferrel Crossley is still working on the Goodrich Creek project concerning gravel piling up in the creek. He is currently having issues with the cultural resources who want to review the site before work can begin.

NRCS Report:

The new fiscal year started on October 1st but because of the government shutdown they are behind. NRCS did have a staff member leave the organization. The EQIP budget for the fiscal year is \$39M and the deadline for EQIP projects has been delayed until January.

IASCD Director's Report:

Charles attended the meetings at the IASCD annual conference and was the district voting delegate. In the IDEA training they discussed the Local Government Investment Pool (LGIP). As of right now it's getting approximately 3%-5% of interest for the investors. If you do invest in the pool and then need take money out. It would take about one business day, and districts can also have multiple accounts.

At the IASCD conference they did approve to merge with the IDWR if it happens. They also did approve the standard budget. The IASCD is hiring a lobbyist named Patxi Larrocea-Phillips to lobby for the IASCD at the state legislature.

Old Business (Action):

Partners Report:

The CWMA is trying to recruit more individuals in the county to participate in the CWMA. The board discussed putting a CWMA page on the district's website to help promote them. Charles attended the Soil Symposium planning meeting and there also will be another meeting on December 16th.

The board also discussed granting scholarships to any teachers and students who would like to attend the symposium. Kris moved to allocate up to \$500 of scholarships funds for students and teachers in the county to attend the symposium. Judy seconded the motion and the board approved

No Till Drill Updates:

N/A

New Business (Action):

East Fork Ditch:

The East Fork Ditch grant was approved and Wendy reminded the board to start tracking time for the work they do with the project. The board will start reviewing contract templates they would like to use for the project. Examples would be the WQPA projects from 2023 and the Valley SWCD contract that Meghan emailed the board.

Performance Report:

The final draft of the Performance Report was reviewed by the board. After reviewing the board agreed it was ready to be submitted to the ISWCC.

Judy moved to approve and submit the Performance Report to the ISWCC. Charles seconded the motion and the board approved.

Weiser River Trail: Discussed in the ISWCC report and with Glen Carsten

Adams County Meeting: The board is scheduled to meet with the Adams County Commissioners. As such the board reviewed the letter they plan to submit to the board along with the Thorn Creek project check. They also will give them the ASWCD FY25-26 Performance Report and ask about putting soil/weed notices with the property tax bills the county mails out.

Treasurer's Report (Action):

Main, CWMA, LGIP Accounts: The main account balance as of 12/8/2025 was \$71,288.66 and the CWMA balance was \$1,854.56. The LGIP balance was \$30,616.17 as of the end of November with an interest contribution of \$103.16 in the month of November.

The board discussed allocating more money to the LGIP account. Kris moved to allocate \$30,000 to the LGIP account from the main account. Judy seconded the motion and the board approved.

Workers Compensation: The State insurance fund bill had a negative balance, no payment needed.

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

Closing Remarks:

Items for January Meeting: Planning & Zoning Meeting, Lego, Scholarships, Facebook, Annual/5 YR Plan, CERC, Soil Health

Symposium, East Fork Ditch Contracts, Forestry Tour, and weed insert.

Supervisor Comments: N/A

Upcoming Events: 1st Quarter of 2026 (scholarships, Facebook Page, Annual & 5 Yr Plan, Division III meeting (2-19-2026), Soil Health Symposium 2-12-2026

Next regular meeting will be January 14th at 12:00 p.m. via Zoom/Office

The meeting was adjourned at 2:28 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Holden McKee