

ADAMS SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
203 South Galena St. P.O. Box 26 Council, Idaho 83612
Chairman: Wendy Green Phone: 208-253-4668

Board Meeting Minutes

- Date, Time, Location:** March 12, 2025; 6 PM; at office and via Zoom
- Present:** Chairman Wendy Green; Supervisor Judy Dietch;
Supervisor Charles Munden; Supervisor Kris Stone;
Meghan Brooksher ISWCC via Zoom; Betty McKee
via Zoom
- Call to Order:** Wendy called the meeting to order @ 5:59 PM
- Approval of Agenda:** Judy moved to approve the March 12, 2025
Agenda. Charles seconded the motion, and the
board approved.
- Approval of Minutes:** Charles moved to approve February 12, 2025
Minutes. Kris seconded the motion, and the board
approved.

Miscellaneous Business (Non Action):

- ISWCC Report:** Meghan reported that there will be a new
employee hired at the Soda Springs office soon.
They received 21 applications and started
interviews last week. WQPA funding for \$1 million
has been recommended by the state and has
passed through the senate. It still needs to be
passed in the house, but the ISWCC is confident it
will pass.
- She also asked if the board would like her to
contact Ron if the board would be willing to
sponsor any unfunded EQIP projects. The board
would be interested. Meghan also reported the

application dates form grant funding sources within the state. They are listed below:

State Ag BMP: March 14th to April 15th

Federal 319: April 15th to July 1st

Source Water Protection: Late Spring/Early Summer

WQPA: April 15th to May 15th

IDWR Flood Mgmt.: June 6th

IDWR Aging Infrastructure: August 1st, not sure if it will get funding in 2026. Replacing East Fork ditch headgates could be a possible project.

New Business (Action):

Four Mile Creek:

Wendy spoke with Konner Merrick about his possible WQPA project that includes riparian fencing and culverts. Wendy asked him to find quotes for the project and she also would like Bill Lillibridge to look at the project.

Miscellaneous Business (Non Action):

NRCS Report:

N/A

IASCD Director's Report:

Wendy notified the board that the State legislature in committees have discussed creating alternate routes other than Highway 95 or 55 (creating highway through Indian Valley). It probably won't make it out of committee, but the board would like to discuss the topic more in the future. The board would like to approve their stance and create a strategy for if this topic is brought up at the state again.

New Business (Action):

Payroll Service:

Betty McKee offered to do payroll and any bookkeeping consulting at \$35/hr. with an hour minimum. Judy moved to approve Betty McKee Payroll Services offer for \$35/hr. with an hour minimum. Charles seconded the motion, and the board approved.

Old Business (Action):

Partners Report:

Not sure that CERC will be funded by the Forest Service. Hopefully the board will learn more before the April meeting. Followed up on the county wanting the board to investigate a project at Hornet Creek.

No Till Drill Updates:

Mitch Blanton has reserved to rent the no till drill. The district will be putting an ad in the local newspaper advertising the no till drill to rent.

New Business (Action):

Council School request:

The school hasn't requested any funding, but they are interested in installing one of the Purple Air Monitors at the school.

Letter to Legislators:

Wendy will make a letter thanking the legislatures for continued funding

Scholarships:

The board will put an advertisement in the local paper for scholarships. No current scholarship applications have been submitted at this time.

Local Gov Investment Pool:

Tabled

Private well testing: Kris recommended doing well water testing by Analytical Laboratories. You can fill out a form of what you tested in the water. For example, it costs \$21 to test nitrates, TC costs \$20, and fluoride cost \$21. The board recommended that they should do their own personal well water testing first and then see how to promote it in the community.

Reports to Adams County: Talked about Hornet Creek during Partners Report.

City of Council & New Meadows: N/A

Annual/5 Yr plan: The Annual/5 Year plan is due March 31st. Wendy will update the county economic data, county population data, and the dates. The board discussed updating the plan with promotion of the no till drill to rent and to delete the pollinator/garden section.

The board discussed if fires/fuel reductions should stay in the plan. The board decided to leave it in the plan and discussed ways to promote fuel reduction within the community. Even discussed getting in contact with Valley County Fire who has done a good job promoting fuel reduction. Also discussed whether they should do a fire tour like what they have done with the forestry tour.

Judy moved to approve the Annual/5 Year plan with updated recommendations. Charles seconded the motion, and the board approved.

District Budget Hearing: The meeting is scheduled for June 19th but budget hearing requests are due May 30th. It will be a chance for districts to give feedback.

Treasurer's Report (Action):

Main/CWMA Accounts:

The main account balance is \$64,191.34 and the CWMA balance is \$1,844.60. PDF Filler did charge the district \$40 even though Holden canceled the free subscription. He has contacted them to get the money reimbursed.

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

Closing Remarks:

Items for April Agenda:

Hwy 95 & 55 alternate route, scholarships, CERC, Holden Annual review, water testing, WQPA projects, valley county/fire.

Next regular meeting will be April 9th at 6:00 p.m. via Zoom/Office

The meeting was adjourned at 7:42 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Holden McKee