

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

Board Meeting Minutes

- Date, Time, Location:** July 9, 2025; 4:30 PM; at office and via Zoom
- Present:** Chairman Wendy Green; Supervisor Judy Dietch; Supervisor Charles Munden; Supervisor Kris Stone; Meghan Brooksher ISWCC, Bill Lillibridge ISWCC, Ron Brooks NRCS via Zoom; Holden McKee District Manager
- Call to Order:** Wendy called the meeting to order @ 4:23 PM
- Approval of Agenda:** Judy moved to approve the July 9, 2025 Agenda with the addition of Goodrich Creek under Old Business. Charles seconded the motion, and the board approved.
- Approval of Minutes:** Judy moved to approve June 11, 2025 Minutes with corrections. Charles seconded the motion, and the board approved.
- Miscellaneous Business (Non Action):**
- ISWCC Report:** Meghan reported that 21/50 WQPA applications received funding. Unfortunately, the WQPA project in Adams County ranked 26th overall and didn't receive funding. The board will try to submit the project as a 319 project. The commission has decided that more research is required before they move the ISWCC from the Department of Agriculture to the Department of Water Resources (IDWR). They may even hire a 3rd party to make a working group to research the potential change.

There are new criteria for the Aging Infrastructure grant, and it will cover 50% of the project costs. Reminder that the district survey is due July 31st and the Financial and Match Report is due August 16th. Meghan also reported that match allocations this year may be less for districts.

New Business (Action):

East Fork Ditch:

The board members, Meghan Brooksher, and Bill Lillibridge met earlier today for a meeting and to visit the East Fork Ditch IDWR potential project in the county. Meghan will have the grant proposal ready to submit by August 1st but will need cost estimates to do so.

Old Business (Non Action):

Goodrich Creek:

Ferrel Crossley wants a permit to clean up the gravel in Goodrich Creek at his property. The district and ISWCC have looked at these issues before and there are no permanent solutions. The board is okay with Bill Lillibridge helping Ferrel Crossley get the engineering and permits needed to clean out the creek.

Miscellaneous Business (Non Action):

NRCS Report:

The National Forest Foundation applied for a RCPP grant to do forest rework, fuel reduction work, etc. They received the grant of \$15 million, and Adams County is in the priority area. The NRCS will have a new conservationist join in the next several months.

IASCD Director's Report:

N/A

Old Business (Action):

Partners Report:

Charlie visited the shared stewardship project sites in Meadows Valley. It looks like the projects are still a success and should help with fire fuel reduction. Judy was going to check the willows that the district helped plant last fall but there was too much water to see how the willows have grown. Wendy would like to check on the Riparian Fencing (ASWCD) project that was completed last year.

No Till Drill Updates:

No updates

Well Water Testing:

Kris reported to the board a survey she did on well water testing in the county. There were 18 of 36 well owner responses to the survey. There were eight questions in total. See attached report.

New Business (Action):

Weed Tour:

There was a total of 44 attendees at the weed tour. Travis Youngberg of NRCS was the speaker for the tour. There was also going to be a community spray day this Friday. There was one attendee who asked Wendy if the district did soil testing. As such Wendy asked the board to possibly consider soil testing program similarly to the well water testing program in the future.

WQPA Projects:

Discussed in the ISWCC report

Budget FY25-26:

Tabled to next August 2025 meeting

Treasurer's Report (Action):

Main/CWMA Accounts:

The main account balance is \$51,631.94 and the CWMA account balance is \$1,844.92 as of July 9th. The district just recently received their base funding from the state (\$8,500 in base funding and \$6,000 for operations). The district also received and deposited their city and county annual allocations in June (\$4,500 in total). The LGIP account balance is \$30,072.43.

Judy moved to approve the Treasurers Report.
Charles seconded the motion, and the board approved.

Closing Remarks:

Items for July Meeting:

Budget, Financial and Match Report, East Fork Ditch, Meadows Valley soil visit, & probe

Next regular meeting will be August 13th at 6:00 p.m. via Zoom/Office

The meeting was adjourned at 6:07 p.m.

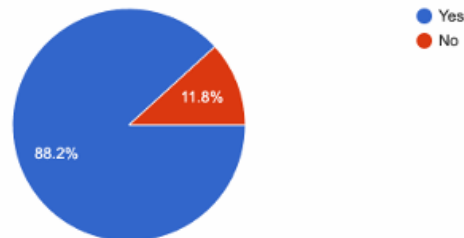
Respectfully submitted by Holden McKee

Summary of Private Well Testing Program June 2025

- Approximately 36 private wells were sampled and analyzed (cost=\$)
- Follow-up Questions from private well owners
 - 18 out of 36 completed the form
 - Summary of Responses

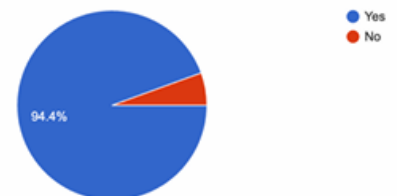
Did you receive your well water testing results from Analytical Laboratories?

17 responses



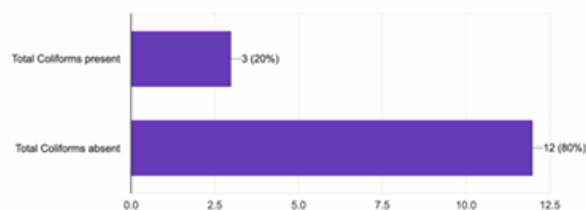
Are you willing to share your results with ASCWD if the results are not tied to your well? For example, we would like to report that out of 37 wells tested in Adams County, 36 were negative for the presence of total coliform and 35 were negative for the presence of nitrates.

18 responses



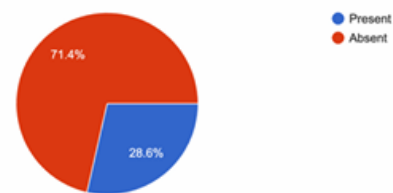
If yes to sharing results, what was the result for total coliform?

15 responses



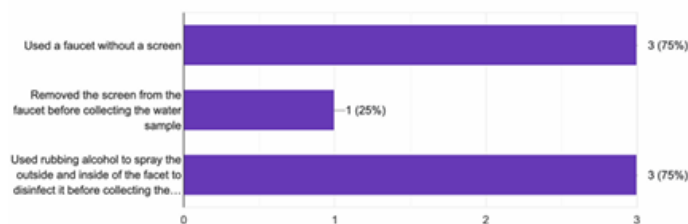
If yes to sharing of results, what was the result of the nitrate test?

14 responses



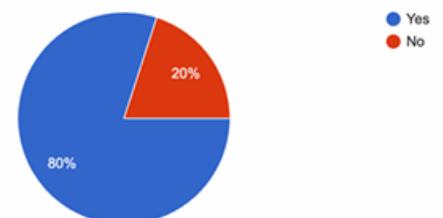
If total coliform bacteria were present, check which of the following you did when collecting the well sample:

4 responses



If total coliform bacteria were present, did you see the well treatment information on the test results sheet?

5 responses



What questions or concerns do you have about you well testing results?

9 responses

Slightly unsure about where to pour the bleach water to cleanse the system. What effect does this have on good septic bacteria? Nitrates were low(er). Would be interested to know how they seep into the well water. Do you get a copy of the results? If not, would be happy to share...

Have not received the Nitrate results yet.

Would like to retest as soon as possible. We are still conning our well water.

Where's my results

Did not receive the nitrate results!

Where do I find out out if we had a positive or negative result for total coliform? I'm just guessing that we had none present in our well.

None

We received the results for nitrite test...We did not receive the test results for coliform....

How did you hear about the ASWCD Well Water Testing Program?

18 responses

