

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

Board Meeting Minutes

- Date, Time, Location:** January 10, 2024; 6 PM; at office and via Zoom
- Present:** Chairman Wendy Green via Zoom; Supervisor Judy Dietch via Zoom; Supervisor Charles Munden; Supervisor Kris Stone; Supervisor Julie Burkhardt
Supervisor via Zoom
- Others Present:** Admin Assistant Holden McKee; Meghan Brooksher ISWCC via Zoom; Elizabeth Barnes via Zoom
- Call to Order:** Wendy called the meeting to order @ 6:01 PM
- Approval of Agenda:** Judy moved to approve the agenda for the January 10, 2024 Meeting. Charles seconded the motion and the board approved.
- Approval of Minutes:** Judy moved to approve the December 13, 2023 Minutes with corrections. Charles seconded the motion and the board approved.
- Miscellaneous Business (Non Action):**
- ISWCC Report:** Meghan reported that Sarah Quidgeon has officially started at the ISWCC in the Boise office. She replaced Joe Peterson who left the ISWCC last summer. Meghan might be bringing Sarah to ASWCD meeting or events in the future.
- The ISWCC will present their FY 2025 Budget request to the Idaho finance and appropriations committee on January 17th. Their budget will be

set on January 19th. Meghan reminded the ASWCD that the 5 Yr/Annual Plan is due March 31st.

IASCD Director's Report:

The IASCD will be meeting on Monday January 15th in which the legislative social is that evening. Travis Jones has still been busy even after the IASCD conference. He is planning the legislative social and is working on managing the IAMP grant.

The Idaho legislature finance and appropriations committee is changing how they approve budgets. They will be determining basic operations budgets first and any additional funding requests will be dealt with later. This is so not all budgets are determined at the end of the legislative session.

Old Business (Action):

Shared Stewardship:

There are no updates regarding Shared Stewardship.

New Business (Action):

Division III Meeting:

The ASWCD will be hosting the Division III meeting at the weed building in Council, ID. Wendy has been communicating with the other districts on what time the meeting should start and end due to travel. The board thought a good time would be 9:30 AM to 3 PM and also set up zoom link for the meeting too.

Holden reported the cost of catering (pulled pork and 2 sides) for lunch from Sprockets and Angie Bumgarner. The costs of Angie Bumgarner to cater the lunch is \$14 per person. Sprockets cost to cater for 50 people is \$650 and for 40 people it would be \$520. Due to her time schedule, it would

be hard for Angie to cater the lunch for the meeting and Sprockets even though closed on Tuesdays can cater. The board asked Holden to get more details in regard to who supplies utensils and the cost of drinks.

Judy moved to hire Sprockets to cater the lunch for the Division III meeting. Julie seconded the motion and the board approved.

Legislative Social & Display:

Due to weather conditions and travel no board members are planning to attend the Legislative social. Kris presented a poster display and No Till drill cards she created for the legislative social and for the soil health symposium. The board discussed the display and agreed that Kris did a great job. Judy moved to allocate \$120 to print 2 copies of the poster display. Julie seconded the motion and the board approved.

Crossley request for assistance:

Ferrell Crossley contacted the ASWCD for assistance with the gravel pileup issue with Goodrich Creek and the Weiser River on his property. The gravel pileup issue floods his property and creates gravel bars in his fields. Ferrell tried to submit an old plan that he submitted last time to IDWR and was denied. The Weiser River Trail organization isn't as concerned with the issue as Ferrell is.

The board would like to find a collaborative plan with Ferrell Crossley and the Weiser River Trail to find a permanent solution. Charles will contact the Weiser River Trail and Wendy will call Ferrell Crossley again. The board will reexamine this proposal in the spring in a future meeting.

Scholarships: The board set a April 1st deadline to receive applications. The board will award 3 scholarships in May.

Use of water testing supplies: Kris asked the board if she could use the ASWCD's water quality testing supplies for her field biology class this next semester. The board approved that she can use the water testing supplies.

Soil Health Symposium: Wendy, Judy, Charles, Kris, and Holden plan on attending the Soil Health Symposium. The board will purchase a sponsorship booth that includes 2 registrations and also purchase 3 more registrations for the board members and Holden.

The board discussed awarding Val Armichardy a local teacher a scholarship to attend the Soil Health Symposium. Judy moved that the board purchase and register Val Armichardy for the Soil Health Symposium at a cost of \$40. Kris seconded the motion and the board approved.

Treasurer's Report (Action):

Main/CWMA Account: The main account balance is \$47,602.49 and the CWMA balance is \$1,883.87. Holden showed and budget vs actual report to the board. The report will look different because the board purchased a no till drill that wasn't budgeted. After reviewing the report, the board asked Holden to review expense items building improvements, computer software, equipment repairs & maintenance, and tours/workshops.
Judy moved to approve the Treasurer's Report. Charles seconded the motion and the board approved.

Shelves: Holden presented office shelving options to the board. Charles moved that the board allocate \$100 to purchase the office shelves. Kris seconded the motion and the board approved.

Miscellaneous Business (Non Action):

NRCS Report: Ron Brooks didn't attend the meeting but sent an email with his report:

“Hello Adams SWCD, I cannot get my computer to hookup to internet connection and access the zoom link, so am sending this email with my phone. NRCS report- we obligated \$550K of EQIP contracts in 2023 in Adams County. These projects are being actively implemented. 4 contracts in forestry and 2 contracts on range and pastureland. For 2024, we are actively ranking 5 Adams County applications. Rankings are due Feb 9th. Hopefully they will all be funded, we will see. These are approximately \$400K.

I would also like to visit with the board about the Division 3 spring meeting coming up in February. Perhaps I can call Wendy tomorrow and discuss since I cannot get logged on tonight”.

Closing Remarks:

Items for February Agenda: Idaho Envirothon, 5 Yr & Annual Plan, & Div III Meeting.

Next regular meeting will be February 14th at 6:00 p.m. via Zoom/Office

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.
Respectfully submitted by Holden McKee