

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

Board Meeting Minutes

- Date, Time, Location:** June 12, 2024; 6 PM; at office and via Zoom
- Present:** Supervisor Julie Burkhardt; Supervisor Judy Dietch; Supervisor Charles Munden; Supervisor Kris Stone; Chairman Wendy Green was absent/excused.
- Others Present:** Admin Assistant Holden McKee; Meghan Brooksher ISWCC via Zoom; Bret Armacost
- Call to Order:** Julie called the meeting to order @ 6:04 PM
- Approval of Agenda:** Judy moved to approve the June 12, 2024 Agenda. Charles seconded the motion and the board approved.
- Kris moved to amend the June 12, 2024 Agenda to include the Forestry Tour under new business. Charles seconded the motion and the board approved.
- Approval of Minutes:** Charles moved to approve the May 8, 2024 Minutes. Kris seconded the motion and the board approved.
- Miscellaneous Business (Non Action):**
- ISWCC Report:** Meghan reported that Loretta Strickland is moving into a new role within the ISWCC. She will be focusing on program management as the new Agriculture Program Manager. Her main focus will

be on WQPA and the TMDL programs. Her role will also not be full time but only ¾ time.

WQPA received 51 applications and Loretta is currently ranking the projects. The projects will be presented to the ISWCC commission at their June 20th meeting. The ASWCD riparian fencing project still has a possibility to be accepted.

A reminder that the Financial & Match Report are due August 16th. The local match contributions that need to be reported must be deposited in the district's account before June 28th. The ASWCD has already received their match contributions from the City of Council and Adams County. The ISWCC Survey is also due July 31st.

NRCS Report:

Ron Brooks was absent.

IASCD Director's Report:

Wendy was absent

CWMA Spray Days:

At the weed tour the CWMA was encouraging individuals to attend more of the CWMA spray days. The CWMA will also provide the chemical needed for the spray days.

Old Business (Action):

Partners Report:

No updates regarding Shared Stewardship but Charles did provide an update from Little Salmon WAG. They are having some funding issues but they are hoping to do some water/soil testing on Mud Creek.

No Till Drill Updates:

Judy was told by Wendy that Veselkas have scheduled to use the no till drill again this year.

New Business (Action):

WQPA Application Update: The WQPA riparian fencing project was submitted to WQPA.

Thorn Creek Culvert Update: The Thorn Creek Culvert project was submitted to IDWR on June 4th. The board should be notified if the project was accepted or not by July.

CERC: The district has hired the CERC crew to work June 20th, 24th, 26th, and 27th. Kris Stone will take the crew on the 20th & 27th to work on bee surveys. On the 24th they will work on pulling med sage/weeds in the morning and then work on water quality testing on the Little Salmon in New Meadows. Chris Friend of the CWMA will take them on the 26th to work on weeds.

Air Quality: N/A

FY 24/25 Budget: The district reviewed last year's budget and the current fiscal year numbers to create FY 24/25 budget. The main changes compared to the FY23/24 budget were:

- No Till Drill Income increase from \$3,775 to \$5,000
- Conversation projects equipment expense decreased from \$47,100 to \$2,000. It was a big budget item due to the purchase of the no till drill.
- Employee mileage expense increased from \$250 to \$350.
- ICRMP Insurance increased from \$1,900 to \$2700

- The computer software expense budget stayed at \$1250 but could be amended if the district hires a bookkeeper.
- In House Meeting expense increased from \$75 to \$200
- Telephone/Internet expense increased from \$1800 to \$2500 due to upgraded internet/phone package
- Youth Education expense decreased from \$1000 to \$500
- Supervisor registration expense increased from \$500 to \$1500

Overall the FY 24/25 Total Income will be \$36,050, Total expenses will be \$36,545, and the net income will be (\$495). Judy moved to approve the recommended FY 24/25 budget. Charles seconded the motion and the board approved.

Bookkeeping Options:

The district is still weighing their options in deciding to hire a bookkeeper. Julie gave the option of virtual bookkeepers which could be cheaper.

Treasurer's Report (Action):

Main/CWMA Accounts:

Holden reported that the main account balance is \$49,374.80 and the CWMA balance was \$1,703.64. Judy moved to approve the Treasurer's report. Charles seconded the motion and the board approved.

New Business (Action):

Forestry Tour:

The board discussed who is attending the Forestry Tour in Donnelly, ID on June 27th. Wendy and

Charles plan to attend the tour in which is costs \$20 per person to attend. Charles moved to approve the district paying board members to attend the Forestry Tour. Judy seconded the motion and the board approved.

Closing Remarks:

Items for July Agenda: Ben Ross Canal/Irrigation District grant, no till drill cards

Next regular meeting will be July 10th at 6:00 p.m. via Zoom/Office

The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Holden McKee