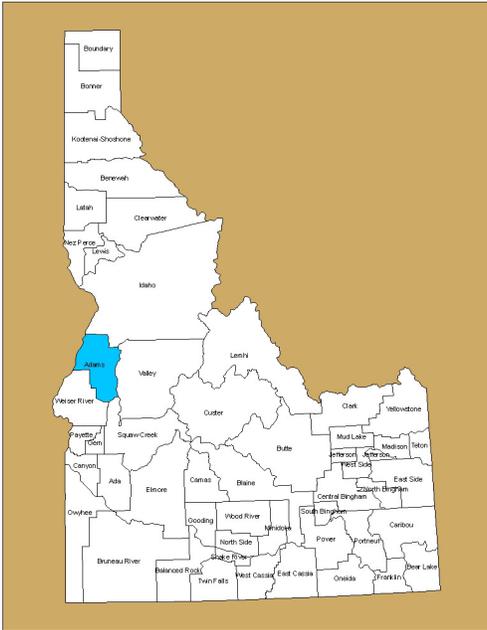




Adams Soil and Water Conservation District



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 Board Meetings: 2nd Wednesday, 6 p.m.

Top 5 District Priorities:

1. District Operations
2. Public Outreach
3. Water Quality & Quantity
4. Pasture & Hay Land
5. Rangelands

FY 2020 Revenue

State	\$ 19,072
Adams County	\$ 4,000
City of Council	\$ 500

BOARD MEMBERS

Julie Burkhardt, Chairman
Wendy Green, Vice-chair
Kris Stone, Supervisor
Judy Dietch, Supervisor
Pam Madlen, Admin. Assistant

From the Chair

ASWCD welcomed Judy Dietch of Council to the board in late 2019. We continue to try to recruit another supervisor to fill a vacant board seat. Pam Madlen joined our team in May as administrative assistant. For more on this year's accomplishments and our plans for 2021, please see page 2.

Council Education Resource Crew

CERC provides an opportunity for local high school students to gain work experience and a paycheck while learning about natural resources and engaging in worthwhile projects. This year, the District helped fund CERC for about three days of its summer field season. During that time, the students used the District's new drone to experiment with collecting monitoring photos of stream bank stabilization projects. In addition to work done for the District, the CERC members installed beaver dam analogs to reduce erosion on Payette National Forest land on Council Mountain. This crew is funded by grants through the US Forest Service in addition to funding from ASWCD.



Members of the Council Education Resource Crew install an erosion control structure to protect resources on Council Mountain on the Payette National Forest during the summer 2020 field season.

Accomplishments and Outreach

Soil Health Symposium

ASWCD continues to support the annual Soil Health Symposium that marked its 11th year in February 2020. In addition to serving on the planning committee, we wrote a feature article in our winter newsletter promoting the event that is sponsored by Payette, Canyon and Malheur Districts, NRCS and other partners. We administer a capacity grant that contributes funding for the symposium that attracted more than 150 attendees this year.

Upgrading county facilities for UI Extension & ASWCD

The District was able to partner with Adams County to make needed upgrades to the county-owned building we share with UI Extension. The Board of County Commissioners funded a new heating and air conditioning system, while ASWCD contributed more than \$8100 to install new energy-efficient windows and lighting. These upgrades will make this shared space more comfortable and user friendly and much more economical to maintain.

Landowner assistance

In spite of restrictions imposed by the pandemic, we have continued to answer landowner questions and provide technical advice on questions from weeds, grazing, and planting to stream bank erosion and protection..

Collaborating with our peers

Three ASWCD supervisors attended the Division III meeting in early 2020 and the virtual annual meeting of IASCD in November. In addition, we participated in ISWCC listening sessions and networked with other conservation districts and NRCS on how best to deliver conservation service to our District.

No-till or rangeland drill?

We are researching no-till drills and rangeland drills and surveying local landowners to determine whether the district ought to buy one or the other. If there is enough interest, we will purchase a drill to help landowners improve soil health.

- Administered the cost-share funding from the Idaho State Department of Agriculture for the Adams Cooperative Weed Management Area.
- Awarded our second \$1000 college scholarship to a local student studying agriculture or natural resources at an accredited institution. This year's recipient, Owen Ivey of Council, is enrolled at Treasure Valley Community College where he is preparing to become an agricultural educator.
- Wrote and distributed semi-annual newsletters highlighting local conservation and landowner accomplishments and opportunities.
- Participated in the Payette Forest Coalition.
- Maintained a website and Facebook page about District activities and services (www.adamsconservationdistrict.org).

Looking ahead to 2021

The District remains committed to public information and education. The board supports 4-H by contributing to the local add-on fund. We support our local noxious weed tour, Idaho Envirothon, the Forestry Contest, Ag in the Classroom, and UI Natural Resources Camp.

Although the pandemic will cause us to skip a year of the annual Soil Health Symposium, ASWCD plans to continue to support this important and popular event as soon as it is safe to reschedule.

With the help of ISWCC engineer, we are assessing several culverts and bridges in the county road system where resource damage is occurring. We plan to obtain a grant to replace numerous structures.

Other plans for 2021 include:

- Participating in a new Little Salmon Watershed Advisory Group
- Reaching out to landowners to encourage and assist with fuels reduction projects
- Offering two \$1000 scholarships to local students
- Supporting rangeland education events
- Assisting area landowners with technical and cost-share resources