

WEST CASSIA SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
DRAFT **MINUTES** – May 10, 2022 BOARD MEETING
4-H Classroom (Cassia County Courthouse), Burley, ID

Place: 4-H Classroom
Date: April 12, 2022
Time: 11:00 AM
Presiding: Richard Kunau

Supervisors Present
Richard Kunau- Chairman
Jordan Searle- Vice Chairman
Kathy Poulton- Treasurer
Brent Stoker- Member
Ken Black- Member
Kyle Bowers- Associate Member

Employees and Agency Representatives:
Rachelle Osterhout- Admin
David Mabey- NRCS
Carolyn Firth- ISWCC
Melanie Nebeker- TA 2021 Employee
Heidi Orr- DEQ

ACTION ITEMS

- I. Called to Order by:** Richard Kunau at 11:07 AM
- II. Changes to the Agenda:** No Changes
- III. Approve Minutes of Previous Meeting:** Ken Black moved to approve March 2022 minutes. Jordan Searle seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- IV. Treasurer's Report:** Kathy Poulton moved to approve Treasurer's Report for April 2022. Brent Stoker seconded the motion. Motion Carried.
- V. Calendar of Events:**
 - a. **Next Board Meeting:** June 14, 2022
 - b. **Tri-District Summer Awards Banquet:** July 12, 2022

VI. AGENCY REPORTS

DEQ- Heidi Orr, Air Quality Compliance Officer shared information about crop residue burning. Growers need to register, pay fees, and notify DEQ when you are ready to burn. Spot and Baled Agricultural Residue Burn Permit reduces the administrative requirements for burning very small amounts while still protecting public health. Yard waste is not part of the DEQ crop residue burning. Heidi shared a brochure, handout and her business card. Rachelle Osterhout will share the information with Doreen McMurray to add to the website and newsletter.

NRCS Update- David Mabey said the CRP contracts have all been accepted. David also shared information about both Climate-Smart Conservation Activities and Partnership for Climate Smart Commodities with the district.
LWG Meeting will be held November 9, 2022. Ashley Orme will be our facilitator.

ISWCC Update- Carolyn Firth shared that WQPA have allocated the first round of funds and had a handout with the first-round details. 34% of the funds have been used. Carolyn is working on an application for a resident in West Cassia. She will be submitting the application next week. If it approved the district will receive admin fees from the project. Projects must be completed by June 2023. Carolyn also shared during the April Commission meeting they had a brainstorming session to come up with ideas on how to better connect with the districts.

TA 2021- Melanie Nebeker updated the districts that scheduled trainings have slowed down. They have also had a break working on contracts. Melanie has been involved in the NRI (National Resource Inventory), it's a grazing project with the U of I. She has also been busy working on CRP prep work and mapping.

Cotterel Boat Station- The boat station intercepted a fowled boat on May 3, 2022. It was from Lake Powell headed to Oregon. It had been under water for over a year and is no longer seaworthy and is scheduled to be disassembled. Rachelle Osterhout shared a post from Invasive Species of Idaho facebook page with pictures of the vessel and a video of mussels found on it.

May 2022

The boat station will start 24-hour shifts starting May 16, 2022.

Hourly Wage: West Cassia discussed the hourly wage of the boat station employees. Brent Stoker made the motion to match the current state wage for boat station employees with Betty Carlson overseeing the final approval and timing of the wage increase. Kathy Poulton seconded the motion. Motion Carried

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VII. OLD BUSINESS

- a. **Other- RC&D Meeting-** May 20, 2022 in Twin Falls

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

1. Admin Report:

- a. **2023 Budget:** West Cassia board reviewed the budget. Brent Stoker made a motion to approve the budget for FY2023. Jordan Searle seconded the motion. Motion Carried
- b. **Other:**
 - **ISWCC Survey:** The board completed the survey.
 - **IASCD State Conference:** Each district is to provide at least 1 \$500 dollar sponsor, at least 1 item for welcome bag (approx. 175), and provide a \$25 dollar door prize donation or item of approx. value.

2. Supervisor's Report:

a. Summer Awards Banquet:

Details East Cassia approved for Banquet-

Location: The Shanty Bell (1357 E Main St, Burley, Idaho).

Meal: Let's Go Dutch

West Cassia Board continued the discussion about who they would like to honor at the banquet. Rachelle Osterhout will check with Doreen McMurray to see if they are any record of honoring Merchant's from the Oakley area. Rachelle will also be starting an email with the board members and Doreen to continue this discussion. The board would like to invite the recipients of the scholarship and their parents to attend the banquet.

b. Other:

Laptop Update: Kathy Poulton checked to see if Doreen McMurray and Rachelle Osterhout had an update on prices for a new laptop.

Richard Kunau adjourned the meeting at 12:40 PM. Brent Stoker seconded. Motion Carried

Respectfully submitted by Rachelle Osterhout