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## Minutes --- Wednesday June 7, 2023

Burley Straw Maze – meeting called to order 7:59 p.m. by Chairman Dusty Wilkins

Attending Chairman Dusty Wilkins, Vice Chairman Reid Bowen, Treasurer Lance Lovell, Supervisors Luke Stevenson and Jeff Schow, Admin Sharon Hardy.

Minutes of the last meeting were approved as presented with a motion by Reid, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Lance all approved.

Financial report and the bills were presented with a motion to approve and pay the bills by Lance, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Reid, motion carried.

CD transfer from First Fed to D.L. Evans is complete, we need signers for D. L. Evans (form at the meeting to be completed – Sharon will return it to the bank)

Budget Finalized for 2023-2024 with a motion by Lance 2<sup>nd</sup> by Reid, motion carried

LWG (local work group) needs a possible date to get on the schedule for this fall. After discussion it was decided to suggest the dates of availability of 13-17 November. It was mentioned that we need to make sure that High Tunnels are on the list for high interest.

State FFA Degree Recipients- we would like to add them to the banquet budget for next year – there were 10 from Minico this year and possibly recognize or acknowledge any who attain the American FFA Degree - there were 2 this year that will receive theirs this fall. This year we will provide a letter or acknowledgement to all the State FFA Degree earners.

The 2024 Banquet will be West Cassia in charge and will most likely be earlier in the year.

It has been suggested that a supervisor be assigned to be on the FFA Advisory Board = Reid mentioned that he is on Burley's board. Idea was tabled for now to give it more thought.

Recommendation for a project from Direct Seed – also changing the name of Direct Seed Project to be more inclusive of other possible projects – new name will be Tri- District Projects. A project idea is to get moisture monitors – each district purchase some and the Tri- District Projects purchase some with the rights or ability to receive data from the placement in area crops. The grower would be responsible for purchasing the programming for the monitors. Monitors are \$500 each, the programming to receive data is \$99 per monitor. Reid mentioned he knows of another company as a possibility that may work with the pricing – he will find out info before next meeting in July. In the meantime, the Tri- District Projects will continue with the John Deere Direct Seed Drills we currently have.

There were no Supervisor reports,

Admin stated she would like June 9<sup>th</sup> off as her son will be home on leave, IDEA meeting is tentatively planned for June 19-20 in Idaho Falls, RC&D meeting will be 23 June in Twin Falls

There were no Agency reports,

Meeting adjourned with a motion by Reid, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jeff – motion carried ---- 8:22 p.m.

*Respectfully submitted by Sharon Hardy - admin*