

**EAST CASSIA SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT  
DRAFT MINUTES – AUGUST 2020 – Board Meeting  
Piggy Sue’s BBQ in Albion  
August 4, 2020 at 1:00 pm**

**Place:** Masonic Lodge Burley  
**Date:** May 12, 2020  
**Time:** 12:00 p.m.  
**Presiding:** Mark Webb

**Supervisors Present:**  
Mark Webb – Chairman  
Steve Ward – Vice Chairman  
Hannah Sanders – Member  
Rob Cottle – Purposed New Member

**Employees and Agency Representatives:**  
LaRae Warren, Administrative Assistant  
Doreen McMurray, Education Specialist, IASCD Conference  
David Mabey, NRCS  
Carolyn Firth, ISWCC  
Melanie Nebeker, TA

**Supervisors Not Present:**  
Ken Woodworth – Treasurer

**LUNCH – Piggy Sue’s BBQ in Albion  
EAST CASSIA SWCD MINI-AWARD PRESENTATION**

**REGULAR EAST CASSIA SWCD AUGUST BOARD MEETING – ACTION ITEMS**

- I. **Meeting called to Order by Mark Webb at 1:16 pm**
- II. **Changes to Agenda: Lunch and Annual Awards were Presented before the regular board meeting**
- III. **Minutes for previous meeting – June 2020 Minutes – Rob moved to approve Minutes of previous meeting. Hannah seconded. Motion carried.**
- IV. **Treasurer’s Report: Report was reviewed and discussed. Hannah moved to approve Treasurer’s Report and pay bills. Steve seconded. Motion Carried.**

**ACTION ITEMS**

V. **OLD BUSINESS – None**

VI. **NEW BUSINESS**

1. **Calendar of Events:**
  - a. **Next Board meeting** – Next meeting will be Sept 8<sup>th</sup>
  - b. **Cassia County Fair** – No SWCD Booth because of Covid 19 – August 2020
  - c. **IASCD Convention** – November 2020 – Burley Inn Convention Center
2. **Supervisor’s Report:**
  - a. **TA2019 NRCS Grant Report** Sent Q2 – July 20, 2020
  - b. **Direct Seed Drill** – Rental – Jeff Repaired Drill and purchased tires. Invoice for service
  - c. **Employee Bonus** - Megan asked to discuss Bonus for Tree Sale and Hours for moving Boat Station to Cassia Checking. She is willing to sort documents in the fall. They have not been filed because of space. Steve moved to pay Megan a bonus for her work on the Tree Sales project. Rob seconded. Motion Carried. Check to see how much we owe her for Boat Station move on QuickBooks.
  - d. **IASCD Conference Burley** - \$500 Sponsor or a donation – 2 or 3 nice door prizes – Return if not used. Hannah will call Butte Irrigation to see if they will be a sponsor.
  - e. **Raft River 319 Project** – Letter of Support to DEQ from East Cassia SWCD – December will be the first cut for 319 Grant.
3. **Office items:**
  - a. **Old Printer** in break room needs a home. Give it to a donation organization.
  - b. **Funds for Pop** \$30 Each East and West Cassia SWCDS. Rob moved to put \$30 toward the Pop Fund. Steve seconded. Motion carried.

- c. **File Cabinet** that locks for Boat Station personnel, East and West personnel, Bank Statements and Taxes, and Direct Seed Rental files. Online close to \$200. Steve moved to purchase a file cabinet and split the cost with West Cassia SWCD. Rob seconded. Motion Carried.
  - d. **Office Supplies** – Hanna moved to purchase office supplies and split with West Cassia SWCD. Steve seconded. Motion Carried. List is attached.
4. **Admin Report:**
- a. **Direct Seed Update:** 15 rentals East and West. “Demo Farm Loan Drill” went very well.
  - b. **TA2019 Employee Report:** Melanie has been working on 6 High Tunnels and Soil Health projects with the state employee. Helped to revise project sheets to be used with Quarterly reports.
  - c. **New TA2019 Report form for Quarterly Reports:** Examples reviewed. Approved.
  - d. **Taxes for East Cassia to be monthly and online per CPA** – Rob moved to pay 941 monthly taxes online to comply with the IRS. Steve seconded. Motion Carried.

VII. **AGENCY REPORTS/REQUEST**

VIII. **NRCS Update:**

**Zero entry for non-NRCS employees per Curtis. 8.4.2020**

**Joint Chiefs** – Awarded a grant for the Juniper Forest Service. Landowners will get money as a continuation of the BLM. Wood gatherers will be able to take advantage of the program. There will be 3 phases.

**Local Working Group Summary and Letter** – Letter to be approved by West SWCD and Minidoka at their monthly board meetings. It will be sent end of August if all approve. David’s new title is Team Lead.

**First Year all High Tunnels were not approved.**

**Demo Farm going great.** Ray Robinson lease has been drafted in land use by Demo Farm. Corn coming up. Planted Triticale. The drill worked beautifully. 60 to 70% kill rate expected. Small grain and Corn production farm planned for the future.

**David needs ideas** from the Districts to help get rid of the Pigweed on the Demo Farm.

**Soil Health Workshop in Utah** – Will be determined to join in their workshop or have it here

IX. **ISWCC Update:**

**Soil Sampling** with University of Idaho. Began planting Fabric in June. Fabric used was 100% cotton. Melanie helped plant the fabric at the local farms. Pasture and Sandy organic Alfalfa areas were chosen on two of the farms. They will stay in the ground for 8 weeks. This practice originated in another state. (North Carolina) We will do Biological and Chemical testing next year. It is a 5-year project.

**Soil Health** – Now in August it has been almost eight weeks since the Fabric was planted at the Farms. The University of Idaho has started digging it up this week. They will measure and weigh and record the results.

**Commission Report** – Allocations have been sent out for next year. 5% holdback taken out of local match funding.

**Loan Increased** – from \$250,000 to \$600,000 for farmers and ranchers. To use on equipment, sprinklers, etc.

**Survey Monkey** – It was sent out around July 6<sup>th</sup>. There is still time and it is a good idea fill it out and send it in. Each supervisor can submit a survey as long as the email IP address is different.

**Franklin District lawsuit** will soon be finalized.

Meeting Adjourned at 3:10 pm. Rob moved to adjourn the meeting. Steve seconded.

Respectfully submitted by LaRae Warren