

**WEST CASSIA SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
DRAFT MINUTES – June 8, 2023 BOARD MEETING**

Place: Burley Straw Maze (following Banquet)
Date: June 8, 2023
Time: 7:59 p.m.
Presiding: Richard Kunau

Supervisors Present
Richard Kunau – Chairman
Ken Black – Vice-Chairman
Jordan Searle – Member

Employees, Guests, and Agency Representatives:
Doreen McMurray, I&E Specialist
Chad Searle, Guest (*new Board Member*)
Carolyn Firth, ISWCC

Supervisors Not Present:
Brent Stoker - Member
Kyle Bowers – Associate Member
Kathy Poulton – deceased 5-27-2023

ACTION ITEMS

- I. **Meeting called to Order by:** Richard Kunau at 7:59 p.m. Richard commented on the loss of Kathy Poulton.
- II. **Changes to Agenda:** none
- III. **Minutes for previous meeting:** May 9, 2023 Minutes –Ken Black moved to approve the Minutes of the previous meeting. Jordan Searle seconded. Motion Carried.
- IV. **Treasurer’s Report:** The Board reviewed the financial transaction detail sheet. Ken Black moved to approve Treasurer’s Report as written. Jordan Searle seconded. Motion Carried.
- V. **Calendar of Events**
 - Next Meeting:** The next board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, July 11, 2023.
 - IASCD Conference:** in Boise on November 7-9, 2023. Richard mentioned that the IASCD board has been interviewing for a new IASCD Administrator as Kyle Rooks is leaving the position.
 - RC&D meeting:** Friday, June 23. No board members can attend. Rachelle will attend. Dues for RC&D membership have been paid.

ACTION ITEMS

- VI. **AGENCY REPORT –** There were no official Agency Reports given, although Carolyn Firth (ISWCC) checked in for a few minutes and commented on WQPA projects. The water savings project for Cordell Searle Dairy was not submitted.
- VII. **NEW BUSINESS**
 - 1. **New Supervisor –** Jordan Searle made the motion to appoint Chad Searle to be a Supervisor on the West Cassia SWCD Board of Supervisors. Ken Black seconded. Motion carried. We still need one more supervisor. Ken will talk to Kyle Bowers to see if he may be interested in moving from Associate Supervisor to Supervisor Board Member.
 - 2. **Board Positions –** Chad Searle made the motion to appoint Jordan Searle as Vice-Chairman and Ken Black as Treasurer. Jordan Searle seconded the motion. Motion passed.

The New West Cassia officers are:
Chairman – Richard Kunau
Vice-Chairman – Jordan Searle
Treasurer – Ken Black
Board Members – Brent Stoker and Chad Searle
Associate Supervisor – Kyle Bowers
 - 3. **Budget –** The FY24 budget was reviewed. Jordan Searle moved to approve the FY2024 Budget. Chad Searle seconded the motion. Motion carried.
 - 4. **Cotterel Invasive Species Inspection Station –** Betty Carlson gave a report on the Inspection Station. New employees are working out great. ISP officer coverage is excellent but there has been no support from Cassia County officers yet. Jordan Searle will contact Sheriff’s office. The state is painting new lines in the parking areas of the rest area. They will include a double lane for boats to stop. They are open Monday–Thursday from 6:00am to 2:00am and Friday–Saturday 23 hours per day.
 - 5. **2024 Awards Banquet –** to be hosted by West Cassia District. They like the June dates and want to combine the Awards Banquet & Picnic activities together.
 - 6. **LWG –** West Cassia board prefers the November 13-17 dates for the LWG meeting. Chad was assigned to be West Cassia’s representative at the LWG meetings.

7. **Direct Seed Committee** –The Direct Seed committee met earlier today and the name has been changed to the Tri-District Project Committee. The Committee wants to expand and change the things the committee oversees. New projects are being researched. Each of the 3 Districts have 2 supervisors serving on that committee. Richard Kunau and Brent Stoker have been serving on that committee. Richard Kunau serves as Chairman. Chad Searle moved to appoint Jordan Searle to replace Brent Stoker on the Tri-District Project Committee. Richard Kunau and Jordan Searle will be West Cassia representatives. Ken Black seconded. Motion carried.
8. **Kathy Poulton Memorial Scholarship** – The board discussed how to manage the money being donated for a scholarship in Kathy’s name. Rachelle will keep a detailed financial sheet on donations. Doreen & Rachelle will meet with Kathy’s children later this year to decide details on the scholarship. Doreen will run and advertised Kathy’s scholarship as our normal college scholarships have been.
9. **FFA Degree Awards** were discussed. There are 2 from Oakley High School and 8 from Burley High School. The board will honor them by sending a letter of recognition, an article in the newsletter and submitted to the press, and posting on social media.

The Meeting Adjourned at 8:43 p.m. with a motion from Jordan Searle and seconded by Ken Black.
Respectfully submitted by Doreen McMurray