

**WEST CASSIA SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
MINUTES -December, 2025 BOARD MEETING**

Place: NRCS Field Office Burley, Idaho
Date: December 9, 2025
Time: 11:00 AM
Presiding: Richard Kunau

Supervisors Present
Richard Kunau – Chairman
Jordan Searle- Vice-Chairman
Ken Black- Treasurer
Chad Searle- Member
Scott Yost- Member

Employees, Guests, and Agency Representatives:
Rachelle Osterhout, Admin
David Mabey, NRCS
Betty Carlson, Cotterell Station Manager
Ellie Hofer, Pheasants Forever

Supervisors Not Present

- I. Meeting called to Order by:** Chairman Richard Kunau at 11:28 AM
- II. Changes to Agenda:** No Changes
- III. Minutes for previous meeting:** October 2025 Minutes: Jordan Searle moved to approve the October 2025 minutes. Chad Searle seconded. Motion Carried.
- IV. Treasurer's Report:** Ken Black reviewed the October 2025 & November 2025 Treasurers Report. Chad Searle made the motion to approve the October 2025 & November 2025 Treasurers' Report. Jordan Searle seconded the motion. Motion Carried.
- V. Calendar of Events:**
1. **Next Board Meeting:** February 10, 2026: NRCS Field Office at 11:00 AM
 2. **Mid-Snake RC&D Meeting:** December 12, 2025 11AM to 1PM
 3. **2026 Legislative appreciation Social & Display Day:** January 15, 2026 4PM to 6 PM in Boise, ID
 4. **AIS Meeting:** January 16, 2026
 5. **2026 Workshop: The Power of Precision:** January 27, 2026 8AM to 2PM
- VI. NEW BUSINESS**
1. **Local Government Investment Pool-** Rachelle Osterhout presented information about the Local Government Investment Pool to the West Cassia Board. The board reviewed and discussed the information provided. Ken Black made the motion to invest the CD money when it is up for renewal in LGIP. The board will review after 3 months and discuss if they want to move other funds to the account. Chad Searle seconded the motion. Motion Carried.
 2. **College Scholarship Application-** The West Cassia Board reviewed the updates Doreen McMurray made to the College Scholarship Application. Jordan Searle made the motion to accept the changes to the College Scholarship Application. Ken Black seconded the motion. Motion Carried.
 3. **IASCD Conference Update-** Richard Kunau shared the 81st Annual Conference update. The Langdon Group presented the report for the possible merge between ISWCC and IDWR. IASCD will be hiring a Lobbyist for the upcoming Legislative session. They are accepting application for the Administrative position for IASCD. The IASCD board was changed to the following: Tori O'neal President, Clint Zenner, Vice President, Devin Fielding Treasurer, Wendy Green Director, Richard Kunau Director and Jeff Connolly. Attendees had the choice of 3 different tours around the Treasure Valley.
- VII. AGENCY REPORTS/ REQUESTS**
1. **Cotterell Boat Station:** Betty Carlson updated the board on the Aquatic Invasive Species season. The season closed November 30, 2025. The state inspected 173,839 watercraft and the Cotterell Station inspected 8,507 in 2025. Betty will be requesting from the State to coordinate all patrol shifts with ISP and would like to change the hours to 2PM to 10PM. She will be asking the state to update signage at the station for next season.

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2. **NRCS Update:** David Mabey shared the update for NRCS. EQIP deadline has been extended to January 15, 2026. CSP signup is still open. David shared the suggestion to have the Local Work Group meeting in February and set the percentages for the categories. There is the possibility of holding a meeting to clarify funding once money is released.
3. **ISWCC Update:** Carolyn Firth emailed the Commission update from George Hitz. George shared information about the Langdon recommendations report and the IASCD resolution from the IASCD Conference. Legislation that LSO is proposing. IASCD Legislative Social will be January 15, 2026. Performance Reports are due December 20, 2025. They will be working on filling vacant positions in the new year.
4. **Pheasants Forever Update:** Ellie Hofer shared project updates that have been completed this year. Ellie has accepted a position with Idaho Fish & Game as a Private Lands Biologist. Her last day will be December 19, 2025.

Adjourn: Adjourn at 11:55 AM

Respectfully submitted by Rachelle Osterhout.