

**EAST CASSIA SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT  
DRAFT MINUTES – NOVEMBER 2020 – JOINT BOARD MEETING WITH WEST CASSIA & MINIDOKA SWCDs  
Masonic Lodge Burley  
November 10, 2020 at 11:00 a.m.**

**Place:** Masonic Lodge Burley  
**Date:** November 10, 2020  
**Time:** 11:00 a.m.  
**Presiding:** Mark Webb

**Supervisors Present:**  
Mark Webb – Chairman  
Steve Ward – Vice Chairman  
Ken Woodworth – Treasurer  
Rob Cottle – Member

**Employees and Agency Representatives:**  
LaRae Warren, Administrative Assistant  
Doreen McMurray, I & Education Specialist  
Betty Carlson, Manager Cotterel Boat Station  
Carolyn Firth, ISWCC

**Supervisors Not Present:**  
Hannah Sanders – Member

**ACTION ITEMS**

- I. **Meeting called to Order by Mark Webb at 11: 13 am**
- II. **Changes to Agenda:** Steve moved to have an overview of the Land Judging. Ken seconded. Motion carried.
- III. **Minutes for previous meeting – September 2020 Minutes – Ken moved to approve Minutes of previous meeting and pay all bills.** Steve seconded. Motion carried.
- IV. **Treasurer’s Report:** Report was reviewed and discussed. Ken moved to approve Treasurer’s Reports for both September and October and pay all bills. Steve seconded. Motion Carried.

**ACTION ITEMS**

- V. **OLD BUSINESS – None**
- VI. **NEW BUSINESS**

1. **Calendar of Events:**

- a. **Next Board meeting** – Next meeting December 8, 2020. Joint meeting.
- b. **IASCD Meeting** – November 12, 2020 at 9 am Boise Annual Zoom info handed out.
- c. **Local Work Group Meeting** – November 18, 2020, 1 – 4 pm Zoom info handed out.
- d. **Tree Sales** – Start February 2021. Info on Website.

2. **Supervisor’s Report:**

- a. **Direct Seed Drill** – Rental – 22 Rentals and approx. \$20,268. Meeting to follow today.
- b. **TA2020** – TA2019 Grant is expiring next month. Salary to be determined for TA2020. Funding for first quarter of 2021 has been paid. \$56,300 total annually. Agreement with TA Employee discussed. \$23 per hour. Steve moved to approve salary agreement and to proceed with TA2020 Grant starting in January 2021. Rob seconded. Motion Carried.
- c. **LSO Reporting due December 1, 2020** – Need an approved budget.
- d. **Budget FY2020 and FY21 - Discussed budget plan.** Ken moved to accept and approve the budget with agreed changes, IASCD Conference should be \$500, Other income should be \$900. Rob seconded. Motion Carried.
- e. **Performance Report Due December 20, 2020** – Discussed Report and Signed by Chairman, Mark Webb. Steve moved to confirm and certify the Performance Report, that it is true and accurate. Ken seconded. Motion Carried.
- f. **Soil Health Workshop 2021** – Will discuss the Workshop in the Direct Seed meeting. Mark moved for the Workshop to be canceled for 2021. Dusty (Minidoka Supervisor) seconded. Motion Carried. The workshop needs to be in person. Covid-19 may not allow the large crowd to be inside.

- g. **Franklin SWCD Donation Check** – After discussion the check will be kept in our checking account and not returned to the Franklin SWCD.
- 3. **Office items:**
  - a. **Budgets approved for FY20 and FY21 with pending changes.**
- 4. **Admin Report:**
  - a. **TA2019 Employee Report:** Melanie has been quarantined for a week and could not attend the meeting.
  - b. **Admin working at Home Office:** Date to return to work at the NRCS office has not been determined.
  - c. **Land Judging Event overview by Doreen McMurray.** Thank you to all the Supervisors and others who helped with the event. It was a very successful 50<sup>th</sup> year event for the students from all over the State of Idaho. They received T-Shirts, patches, awards and money will be given to the winning teams for travel to the national event. Commissioners from both Cassia and Minidoka counties were present and Anita Falen, a soil scientist. It was held at the Skaggs 6S Ranch in Declo.

**VII. AGENCY REPORTS**

**VIII. NRCS Update: David was under quarantine and unable to attend because of the Burley Office closure due to Covid-19.**

**IX. ISWCC Update: Soil Sampling** – Great success this year. Found all 17 samples and turned what was left of them in to the University of Idaho staff for analysis. They may have a meeting to explain the results at some point in the future. The **ISWCC** is responding to the questionnaires that were sent out to the District Supervisors earlier this year. They are working on programs and plan on making some changes in response to the questionnaires.

Meeting Adjourned at 1:54 pm. Steve moved to adjourn the meeting. Rob seconded.

(A big thanks to Doreen for help with the minutes.)

Respectfully submitted by LaRae Warren