

**EAST CASSIA SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
MINUTES – February 3, 2026 BOARD MEETING**

Place: NRCS Office, Burley, ID
Date: February 3, 2026
Time: 12:00 PM
East Cassia Presiding: Rob Cottle

East Cassia Supervisors Present
Rob Cottle- Chairman
Hannah Sanders- Member
Brogan Higley- Member
Ken Woodworth- Treasurer

District Employees and Agency Representatives:
Rachelle Osterhout- Admin
David Mabey- NRCS
Carolyn Firth- ISWCC

Not Present:
Kurt Heward- Vice Chairman
Steve Ward- Associate Member
Mark Webb- Associate Member

ACTION ITEMS

- I. Called Meeting to Order:** Chairman Rob Cottle called the meeting to order at 12:10 PM
- II. Changes to agenda:** No changes
- III. Approve minutes of previous meeting:** January 2026 Minutes – Hannah Sanders moved to approve the minutes of the January 2026 meeting. Brogan Higley seconded the motion. Motion Carried.
- IV. Treasurer’s Report:** Ken Woodworth presented the January 2026 Treasurers Report (Transaction Detail). Brogan Higley moved to approve Treasurer’s Report. Ken Woodworth seconded the motion. Motion Carried.
- V. Calendar of Events:**
1. **Next Board Meeting:** March 9, 2026 Following County Funding Request (If needed)
 2. **Pesticide/ Weed Workshop:** February 13, 2026 Shoshone, ID 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM
 3. **Division IV Meeting:** March 3, 2026 Gooding, ID, 9:00 AM
 4. **County Funding Request:** March 9, 2026 Cassia County Courthouse 10:15 AM
 5. **5 Year & Annual Plan Due:** March 31, 2026
- VI. NEW BUSINESS**
1. **5 Year & Annual Plan:** The East Cassia Board reviewed the updated FY27 5 Year & Annual Plan. Ken Woodworth made the motion to approve the FY27 5 Year & Annual Plan. Brogan Higley seconded the motion. Motion Carried.
 2. **DL Evans CD Move to Checking Account:** The East Cassia Board discussed their CD that will be up for renewal on 2/7/2026. Ken Woodworth made the motion to move the DL Evans CD to the DL Evans East Cassia Checking account. Hannah Sanders seconded the motion. Motion Carried. Signer Rob Cottle will sign the account closed form.
 3. **IDEA Update/ Changes/ Dues:** Rachelle Osterhout shared the IDEA update with the East Cassia Board. The IDEA board updated the policy and voted to increase dues from \$60.00 to \$75.00 in 2027. The IDEA board will be hosting staff zoom trainings in April, June and September. They have also been establishing a Google Drive to facilitate rapid communication and collaboration with Districts statewide, utilizing surveys and living documents such as the evolving District Directory. The IDEA website is being revised to offer a more use friendly experience. Hannah Sanders made the motion to up the amount paid for IDEA dues to \$75.00 from \$60.00. Ken Woodworth seconded the motion. Motion Carried.
 4. **Other:**
 - **Education Award Amounts:** Rachelle Osterhout shared the updated Education Award Amount Detail Sheet with the East Cassia Board. Hannah Sanders made the suggestion to print out certificates and give Fizz Farm gift cards instead of ribbons.

VII. AGENCY REPORTS/ REQUESTS

1. **NRCS:** David Mabey updated the East Cassia Board that the funding will be a division-wide funding pool. This will include Twin Falls, Gooding, Cassia, and Minidoka counties.

Funding pools are as follows:

- RPP- \$1.6 Million
- General Funding- \$778,000
- Sage Grouse Initiative: \$600,000

David explained the preliminary ranking tool for the new year.

2. **ISWCC:** Carolyn Firth shared the Commission update with the East Cassia Board. The second round of Match Funding have been sent out. Rachelle Osterhout informed the check has been received and deposited. There is a possibility the Commission may have to hold 1% - 2% of funding, it will not affect the districts. The Legislative Committee has been busy with presentations and have more scheduled during this Legislative session. There will be a presentation on the merger between ISWCC and IDWR on February 12, 2026. The Commission will present to JFAC on February 23, 2026. The ISWCC monthly meeting will be February 17, 2026.

Adjourn: Meeting adjourned 2:00 PM

Minutes respectfully submitted by Rachelle Osterhout.