

WEST CASSIA SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
DRAFT MINUTES – August 8, 2023 BOARD MEETING

Place: Burley NRCS Office
Date: August 8, 2023
Time: 11:00 AM
Presiding: Richard Kunau

Employees & Agency Representatives:
Rachelle Osterhout- Admin
Carolyn Firth- ISWCC

West Cassia Supervisors Present

Richard Kunau – Chairman
Jordan Searle- Vice Chairman
Ken Black- Treasurer
Chad Searle- Member

Not Present:
Brent Stoker- Member

ACTION ITEMS

- I. Meeting called to Order by:** Chairman Richard Kunau at 11:06 AM.
- II. Changes to agenda:** No Changes
- III. Approve minutes of previous meeting:** Jordan Searle moved to approve the minutes for the July 12, 2023 meeting. Ken Black seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- IV. Treasurer’s Report:** Chad Searle made the motion to accept the July 2023 Treasurer’s Report. Jordan Searle seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- V. Calendar of Events**
- **Cassia County Fair:** August 12-19, 2023- Booth will be set up in The Art Building on the education side.
 - **Next Board Meeting:** September 12, 2023 @11:00
 - **RC&D Meeting:** September 22, 2023
- VI. OLD BUSINESS**
1. **Potential Board Members:** West Cassia SWCD discussed talking to Mark Hobson and Bonnie Zollinger. Ken Black contacted Kyle Bowers and he is no longer interested in being on the board. Ken Black made the motion to allow Rachelle Osterhout to be a board member recruiter. Chad Searle seconded the motion. Motion Carried
- VII. NEW BUSINESS**
1. **Bank Accounts:** West Cassia SWCD discussed bank accounts that are currently at Zions Bank and opening a checking account for the Kathy Poulton Memorial Scholarship.
Ken Black made the motion to move West Cassia SWCD Checking, West Cassia LSEE Checking, Visa Credit Card, open a checking account for The Kathy Poulton Memorial Scholarship and move the Money Market Account to an 18- month CD at DL Evans Bank. Jordan Searle seconded the motion. Motion Carried.
 2. **Cassia Couty Fair Purchase Animal:** Jordan Searle made the motion to allow Ken Black to purchase an animal at the 2023 Cassia County Fair. Chad Searle seconded the motion. Motion Carried.
- VIII. AGENCY REPORTS/ REQUESTS**
1. **ISWCC:** Carolyn Firth shared Delwyne Trefz report. Operation & Base funding have been sent out. The state has switched to a new payment processing platform and they had to fix a few problems prior to sending out payments. Rachelle Osterhout informed the board that West Cassia SWCD has received the funding and it has been deposited. Financial & Match reports are due August 16, 2023. Rachelle Osterhout turned in the report on August 1, 2023. All staff ISWCC meeting will be August 22- 25 in Boise.
Please talk to your legislatures about the benefits of WQPA. Carolyn Firth urged the board that if they know of any projects to let her know. She would like to start working on them.
 2. **Cotterell Boat Station:** Rachelle Osterhout shared Betty Carlsons update. As of July 30, 2023 there have been 1,299 watercraft bypasses, 339 returned, 166 we ok’d this season. Construction is at a standstill. They are waiting for ITD to trench the lines before the contractor can finish the parking lot. The State of Idaho and Cassia County are still negotiating the verbiage in the contact that is between The Dept. of Ag and The Cassia County Sheriff’s Department.

Adjourn: Chad Searle made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 12:12 PM. Ken Black seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Rachelle Osterhout.

Note: The Board may hold an executive session to discuss legal and personnel matters pursuant to Idaho Code § 74-206(1) (A)(B)