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

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

East Cassia Supervisors Present
Rob Cottle- Chairman
Kurt Heward- Vice Chairman
Ken Woodworth- Treasurer
Brogan Higley- Member

District Employees and Agency Representatives:
Rachelle Osterhout- Admin Assistant
Jenette Garner- I&E Specialist
David Mabey- NRCS

Not Present:
Hannah Sanders- Member
Mark Webb- Associate Member
Steve Ward- Associate Member

ACTION ITEMS

I. **Called Meeting to Order:** Chairman Rob Cottle called the meeting to order at 12:09 PM

II. **Changes to agenda:** No changes

III. **Approve minutes of previous meeting:** September 2026 Joint Meeting Minutes – Ken Woodworth moved to approve the minutes of the September 2026 meeting. Kurt Heward seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

IV. **Treasurer's Report:** Ken Woodworth presented the September & October 2026 Treasurers Reports (Transaction Detail). Kurt Heward moved to approve Treasurer's Report as presented. Brogan Higley seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

V. **Calendar of Events:**

1. **Next Board Meeting:** December 1, 2026 after Doreen McMurray's retirement party
2. **Division IV Fall Meeting:** November 5, 2026 Kimberly Idaho @ 1:30 PM
3. **IASCD Conference:** November 17-19, 2026 University Inn, Moscow, Idaho
4. **Legislative Luncheon:** December 9, 2026 Jenette Garner and Rachelle Osterhout will compile a list of concerns and anticipated legislation they would like the legislators to address during the upcoming legislative session, and the board member will help identify the topics to raise with legislators.
5. **Mid-Snake RC&D:** December 11, 2026 County West Building- Twin Falls, ID

VI. **NEW BUSINESS**

1. **Performance Report:** The East Cassia board reviewed the FY2026 Performance Report. Ken Woodworth moved to approve the FY2026 Performance Report. Brogan Higley seconded the motion. Motion Carried.
2. **Retirement Dinner for Doreen McMurray:** The East Cassia board members will host a dinner at the Drift Inn in Rupert, Idaho to honor Doreen McMurray for her 34 years working for the districts. Event details are as follows:
   Location: Drift Inn, Rupert Idaho
   Time: 5:00PM
   Invited guests: East Cassia, West Cassia, and Minidoka board members and employees; David Mabey, (NRCS); Carolyn Firth (ISWCC); and spouses; and any other friends, partners, and colleagues who would like to help celebrate Doreen.
   Ken Woodworth made a motion to purchase a gift for $125.00 and a $50.00 McDonalds gift card. Kurt Heward seconded the motion. Motion Carried.
3. **I&E Specialist Update:** Jenette Garner informed the board members that Doreen has been busy training her with all the tasks the I&E Specialist takes care of. She is excited to be here and ready to get to work on the upcoming projects and events.

VII. **OLD BUSINESS**

1. No old business

VIII. **AGENCY REPORTS/ REQUESTS**

2. **NRCS:** David Mabey informed the board the NRCS reorganization has been paused due to a lawsuit. RPP was a success and increased the funds to 1 billion dollars. NRCS received 28 applications for this year. A new State Conservationist was appointed for Idaho, his name is Garrett Fish.
3. **ISWCC:** Rachelle Osterhout shared the ISWCC update for Carolyn Firth. There is a possibility WQPA will receive a one-time bridge funding from IWRB. Their recommendation is $750,000, with the stipulation that the funding not be used for any projects that may negatively impact the Eastern Sanke Plain Aquifer. The IWRB funds have reappropriation authority, so they do not need to adhere to a one-year implementation timeline but anticipate project completion by December 31, 2028. These projects need to be shovel ready.

Adjourn: Meeting adjourned 1:26 PM
Minutes respectfully submitted by Rachelle Osterhout.