

EAST CASSIA SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
East Cassia Board Meeting
DRAFT MINUTES – March 11, 2024 BOARD MEETING

Place: McGregor Building
Date: January 30, 2024
Time: 10:30 AM
East Cassia Presiding: Rob Cottle

East Cassia Supervisors Present
Rob Cottle – Chairman
Steve Ward- Vice Chairman
By Speaker Phone (all members could hear each other and participated in the meeting)
Ken Woodworth- Treasurer
Hannah Sanders- Member
Not Present:
Kurt Heward- Member
Mark Webb- Associate Member

Employee and Agency Representatives:
Rachelle Osterhout- Admin
Doreen McMurray- I&E Specialist

ACTION ITEMS

- I. Called Meeting to Order:** Chairman Rob Cottle at 1:39 PM
- II. Changes to agenda:** No changes
- III. Approve minutes of previous meeting:** January 2 & 30 2024 Minutes – Hannah Sanders moved to approve Minutes of previous meetings. Steve Ward seconded. Motion Carried.
- IV. Treasurer’s Report:** : Ken Woodworth shared the Transaction Detail with the board. Hannah Sanders moved to approve Treasurer’s Report. Ken Woodworth seconded. Motion Carried.
- V. Calendar of Events:**
 - 1. Division IV Spring Meeting:** March 12, 2024- 9:30 AM, Shoshone, ID
 - 2. Mid-Snake RC&D Meeting:** March 15, 2024, 11:00 AM, Twin Falls,
 - 3. Next Board Meeting:** April 2, 2024, NRCS Office
- VI. OLD BUSINESS**
 - 1. Pivot Track Filler Update:** Big Bubba Trailer Sales has finished building the trailer. Rob will be picking it up and paying the remainder of the balance. Rachelle will mail be mailing Ag-Vantage a check to purchase the pivot track filler. She will also email Jeff Jerolimik to verify he will have equipment to set the filler on the trailer. Steve talked to FSA about parking the trailer in the FSA/NRCS parking lot. We are clear to use the parking lot. The board reviewed the contact and would like Rachelle to contact Dave Shirley to review the agreement.
 - 2. Awards Banquet Update:** West Cassia will be hosting the Awards banquet this year. It will be June 13, 2024 at the Burley Straw Maze at 6:00 PM. There will be a Tri-District meeting before and will be paying for the venue. West Cassia will be inviting the 2 students who attended Know Your Government. Madi Patterson who works for ISDA will also be presenting the Snake River Quagga update. The board discussed who they would like to honor at the banquet.
- VII. NEW BUSINESS**
 - 1. 5 Year & Annual Plan:** The board reviewed the 5 Year & Annual Plan. They would like to review a section at their board meetings throughout the year to be familiar and to make changes when the need arises. They signed the Certificate of Adoption and Certification Page.
 - 2. ICRMP Building & Contents Amount:** Rachelle presented the ICRMP paperwork for the Buildings & Contents and Contents Value to the board. The value is currently \$10,000. Hannah Sanders made a motion to reduce the amount to \$5,000.00. Steve Ward seconded the motion. Motion Carried.
 - 3. Office Update, Internet, & Supplies:** Rachelle updated the board about returning to the NRCS office. Rachelle and Doreen have been cleaning out and organizing the files. Rachelle also checked on the internet and it is very out dated. Rob reviewed the contract, PMT will be updating the service. Rachelle presented to the board the need for a new office chair and filing cabinets. Hannah Sanders made the motion to provide \$800.00 to purchase an office chair and filing cabinets. Steve Ward seconded the motion. Motion Carried.
 - 4. Tri-District Project:** Ken Woodworth and Hannah Sanders updated the board from the Tri-District meeting. The Tri-District board will keep both drills for another year and will review again next year. Doreen McMurray, Sharon Hardy and Rachelle Osterhout are working on a Community Project. They will be organizing pollinator seed

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packets to distribute at the seedling tree sale pick-up with information. The Tri-Districts are going to members of the Mini-Cassia Chamber of Commerce. They updated the board on the Moisture Monitoring Project.

VIII. AGENCY REPORTS/ REQUESTS

1. **NRCS Update:** David Mabey emailed the most recent MOA. Rachelle shared a copy with the board. David would like the board to review it and offer any suggestions to update it. David expressed to the board how valuable it is to have the Districts returning to the office. He is looking forward to collaborating and working together again.
2. **ISWCC Update:** Carolyn Firth shared Dewlyn's email. He shared legislative updates on the Election bill- moving from 7 board members to 5 board members and the bill addressing PERSI for seasonal workers. WQPA funding will be down from previous years. It received 1 million dollars in funding. There will be a Commission meeting on April 4, 2024 to review and revamp the requirements for the applications. If the district has any suggestions please email Loretta or Carolyn.

Adjourn: Meeting adjourned 3:19 PM

Minutes respectfully submitted by Rachelle Osterhout.