

**EAST CASSIA SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
DRAFT MEETING MINUTES – MARCH 2020
EAST and WEST Joint Meeting
Masonic Lodge Burley
March 17, 2020 at 11:00 a.m.**

Place: Masonic Lodge Burley
Date: March 17, 2020
Time: 11:00 a.m.
Presiding: Mark Webb

Supervisors Present:
Mark Webb – Chairman
Steve Ward – Vice Chairman
Hannah Sanders – Member

Employees and Agency Representatives:
Doreen McMurray, Education Specialist
David Mabey, NRCS
Carolyn Firth, ISWCC
Jackie Jamison, NRCS-Partner – Instructor-University of Idaho

Supervisors Not Present:
Brook Holtman – Member
Ken Woodworth – Treasurer

ACTION ITEMS

- I. **Call to Order:** Mark Webb called the meeting to order at 11:13 p.m.
- II. **Changes to Agenda:** Carolyn Firth will precede Jackie Jamison to allow Jackie's presentation to be viewed on the wall screen
- III. **Approve Minutes of meeting – Feb 2020:** Steve moved to approve February minutes. Hannah seconded. Motion Carried.
- IV. **Treasurer's Report:** Steve moved to approve Treasurer's Report and pay bills. Hannah seconded. Motion Carried.

ACTION ITEMS

- V. **OLD BUSINESS:**
 - 1. **Upcoming Event:**
 - 2. **Supervisor's Report:** 1-Year Budget Plan & 5-Year Business Plan to be reviewed in March meeting
 - 3. **Office items:**
 - 4. **Admin Report:**
 - 5. **NACD Admin Contract:** Continue MOA with new hire for FY2019-2020

- VI. **NEW BUSINESS**
 - 1. **Calendar of Events:**
 - a. Direct Seed Meeting 3/17 @ 12:30 pm
 - b. March Awards Banquet 3/18 @ 6:00 pm. Cancelled due to Corona Virus. Will have banquet 6/9/2020
 - 2. **Supervisor's Report:**
 - a. Review 1-year budget plan. Hannah moved to remove Cloud seeding \$200 and accept budget. Steve seconded. Motion Carried.
 - b. Review 5-year Business plan due 3/31/2020. Discussed additions on page 10. Hannah moved to approve 5-year plan. Steve second. Motion Carried.
 - c. Commissioner's Report 2/24/2020 – Approved \$6,000 for FY2021, Hannah presented, West-Richard, Kathy
 - 3. **Office items:**
 - a. Need to purchase paper for office. Credit card. (½ East & ½ West). Steve moved to purchase paper if needed. Hannah seconded. Motion Carried.
 - b. Update QuickBooks in April will not support our current 2017 version. Credit card. (½ East & ½ West) Hannah moved to purchase QuickBooks software, with LaRae looking into options. Steve seconded. Motion Carried. Will ask Hannah how she gets a better price purchasing QuickBooks through a Bank.
 - 4. **Admin Report:**
 - a. **Tree Sales Update:** Tree orders coming in. Total in sales \$6,000. Please save newspapers for sale day.
 - b. **Direct Seed Update:** Two rentals and one called to schedule soon.

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VII. AGENCY REPORTS/REQUEST

1. NRCS Update:

- a. Grant form for Tri-District Employee 2020-21 MOA sent 2/17/2020. New hire doing great. Making progress on security clearance.
- b. Melanie Nebeker hired for position on 2/24/2020
- c. Jackie Jamison invited to address the districts. Partner-Instructor NRCS and University of Idaho. Jackie talked about the 5-year project for soil testing. She went over general trends in organic matter, microbial, and biomass respiration. The plan includes Chemical soil testing on 2nd and 4th years. And complete soil testing on the 1st, 3rd and 5th years. The board said it would be beneficial to have the complete testing every year. May be able to dovetail with a SARE Ag projects that are being funded in Idaho. Also, may be able to dovetail with CIG projects. Brent will talk about a new project in the future.
- d. MOU that was tabled last fall will be coming up again soon addressing the unfunded Cooperative Agreement. The Districts will be expected to go over the MOU and sign it.

2. ISWCC Update:

- a. Discussion on House Bill 545. 3/4/2020. Carolyn went over the letter from Steven Becker and the IASCD. Brian Kossman Minidoka Board Supervisor told Carolyn how much he appreciates the work she does for the all the Districts. He believes that the districts could not do their jobs without Carolyn's help. She helps write grants and supplies information. Also, if the commission were to be dissolved, we would need someone to be over the funding that is set aside for the Districts. The Ag department has expressed that they do not want to take over the duties of the commission. And the Governor would probably not want to take over either. Where would the CREP moneys go if they are not managed? Engineers would cost more than what the commissioners in our offices are costing to help Districts. The savings that are projected from cutting the commissioners out of the system seem to be inflated. The District Supervisors need to write letters to let those in the position to remove the commissioners know the Districts want to keep the Commissioners. The Supervisors will put their true feelings that they can do their jobs better with the help of Carolyn Firth as a commissioner. Brent moved to put together a letter mid-April to address the need for the Commissioners. Hannah from East Cassia seconded. Motion carried.

Adjourned meeting: Meeting adjourned at 12:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted by LaRae Warren