

**EAST CASSIA SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT**  
**May 2023**  
**DRAFT MINUTES – May 2, 2023 BOARD MEETING**

**Place:** 4-H Room Cassia County Courthouse  
**Date:** May 2, 2023  
**Time:** 2:00 p.m.  
**Presiding:** Rob Cottle

**Supervisors Present**  
Rob Cottle – Chairman  
Mark Webb- Member  
Hannah Sanders- Member  
Kurt Heward- Associate Member

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

**Supervisors Not Present:**  
Steve Ward- Vice Chairman  
Ken Woodworth- Treasurer

**ACTION ITEMS**

- I. East Cassia Board Meeting called to Order by:** Chairman Rob Cottle at 2:15 PM.
- II. Changes to agenda:** No Changes
- III. Approve minutes of previous meeting:** Hannah Sander moved to approve the minutes for the March 2023 meeting. Mark Webb seconded. Motion carried.
- IV. Treasurer’s Report:** Rachelle Osterhout presented the April 2023 Treasurer’s Report. Mark Webb made the motion to accept the April 2023 Treasurer’s Report. Hannah Sanders seconded. Motion carried.
- V. Calendar of Events:**
  - 1. Next Board Meeting:** June 8, 2023 Will meet before banquet
  - 2. Summer Award Banquet:** June 8, 2023- 6:30 PM Burley Straw Maze
- VI. AGENCY REPORTS/ Requests**
  - 1. NRCS Update:** David Mabey share the NRCS update with the board:
    - 4 EQIP contracts this year from Team Funding pool. All 3 are irrigation projects. 2 in West Cassia, 1 East Cassia, and 1 in Minidoka. For a total of \$471,000.
    - We have 3 CSP applications being worked on for funding.
    - No additional funds were received from the \$350,000 dollar request as of yet.
    - We have 3-4 additional applications that will possibly be funded with additional Inflation Reduction Act funds that the state received. These will be cover crop and soil health projects mainly.
    - There is a possibility of a 2nd round for CSP application period in late May
    - May 1, 2023 it was announced there are open positions in Burley and Rupert. Hope to at least pick up one new employee sometime in July.
    - Food Security Act reviews are in process. This is the random HEL assessments on 5% of the cropped USDA acres nationwide.
    - All of our new EQIP irrigation contracts are looking at using TSP’s to complete their design and construction checks this year. Hopefully this will provide an opportunity for them to start installation early this Fall.
    - Idaho requested a total of approximately \$20 million in additional funds state wide and received something like \$8.5 million. The bulk of this money went to large water improvement projects and Disaster projects.
  - 2. ISWCC Update:** Carolyn Firth share Delwyne Trefz report. Division spring meetings are all finished. Envirothon was held in Challis Idaho on April 24 & 25. Pictures were shared with the districts. WQPA applications are due May 31, 2023. Carolyn has been busy working on the Chatburn project. ISWCC has 1 engineer for the whole state. Rachelle Osterhout has volunteered to help Carolyn with the Soil Your Undies project.

**VII. OLD BUSINESS**

1. **No old business**

**VIII. NEW BUSINESS**

1. **Direct Seed Project Information**
2. **Mid-Snake RC&D Membership Dues:** Rachelle Osterhout presented the Mid-Snake RC&D membership dues application. Mark Webb made a motion to pay the Mid-Snake RC&D \$50.00 dues. Hannah Sanders seconded the motion. Motion Carried.
3. **Amendment to 2023 Budget for Current Amounts:** Rachelle Osterhout shared information from the Local Government Registry webinar about the new reporting guidelines. Hannah Sanders made a motion to accept the current 2023 budget changes. Mark Webb seconded the motion. Motion Carried.
4. **Review College Scholarships:** East Cassia SWCD Supervisors reviewed and discussed three college scholarship applications. Hannah Sanders made a motion to award two Scholarships in the amount of \$500.00 each to the following 2023 graduating seniors: Victoria Gularte of Declo High School and Treg Whitaker of Raft River High School. Mark Webb seconded the motion. Motion Carried.
5. **Summer Awards Banquet:** East Cassia SWCD will be honoring Mark Webb for his years of service being a supervisor on the board. They will finalize plans for the awards banquet via text messages.
6. **Other:**
  - **Supervisor Position:** Hannah Sanders made a motion to release Mark Webb as an East Cassia Soil & Water Conservation District Supervisor and add Kurt Heward as a member on the East Cassia SWCD Board of Supervisors. Mark seconded the motion. Motion Carried.  
Hannah Sanders made a motion to add Mark Webb as an Associate Member for East Cassia Soil & Water Conservation District. Kurt Heward seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

**Adjourn:** Hannah Sander made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 3:26PM. Kurt Heward seconded. Motion Carried

Minutes respectfully submitted by Rachelle Osterhout.