

**EAST CASSIA SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT**  
**October/November 2022**  
**DRAFT MINUTES – October 25, 2022 BOARD MEETING**

**Place:** Burley NRCS Office  
**Date:** October 25, 2022  
**Time:** 1:00 p.m.  
**Presiding:** Rob Cottle

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

**Employees and Agency Representatives:**  
Doreen McMurray, I&E Specialist  
Melanie Nebeker, TA2021  
David Mabey- NRCS  
Carolyn Firth- ISWCC

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

Pizza and Visiting: The board discussed the Land & Soil Evaluation Event which was held on October 11 and 12 and watched a video of the event. They discussed Todd Gerratt's passing and funeral. Todd was East Cassia's Conservation Farmer Award for 2022.

**ACTION ITEMS**

- I. East Cassia Board Meeting called to Order by:** Chairman Rob Cottle at 1:25pm.
- II. Changes to agenda:** No changes
- III. Approve minutes of previous meeting:** Hannah Sanders moved to approve the minutes for the September 8, 2022 meeting. Mark Webb seconded. Motion carried.
- IV. Treasurer's Report:** Hannah Sanders reviewed the Treasurer's report. Mark Webb made the motion to accept the treasurer's report. Hannah Sanders seconded. Motion carried.
- V. Calendar of Events:**
  1. **Division IV Meeting** – 2:00pm on October 27, 2022 in Buhl @ Papa Kelsey's
  2. **RC&D Meeting:** October 28 is canceled.
  3. **LWG:** November 9, 2022 @ McGregor Building, Rupert Fairgrounds 10:00am
  4. **IASCD Conference:** November 15-17 Burley, ID
  5. **Workshop:** January 10, 2023 new location on Washington Ave.
  6. **Next Board Meeting:** December 6, 2022
- VI. NRCS AGENCY REPORT – David Mabey**
  1. **NRCS Update:** David Mabey mentioned that the eligibility letters for EQIP applications are in. He's not sure the amounts yet but hoping for more than last year.
  2. **Local Work Group:** will be on November 9<sup>th</sup>. He is hoping to turn the information in with the rankings in quickly following the LWG meeting. Rachelle has sent out invitations. David will get specific information to Rachelle to send out.
  3. **Covid:** Currently there are NO covid restrictions on the office for groups of under 50 people.
  4. **Receptionist:** David is eager to have Rachelle move into the NRCS office and welcomes the Districts' presence. He would appreciate Rachelle's assistance with receptionist duties to include: welcoming people who walk into the office, take names and messages, assist with mailings and letters, to take notes at NRCS staff meetings, and to run certain errands, to include getting signatures to landowners out in the field.
- VII. ISWCC AGENCY REPORT – Carolyn Firth**
  1. **Performance Reports** are due December 20<sup>th</sup>.
  2. **Match Funding** has been distributed.
  3. **Conservation Plan** with Chatburns is underway and includes SGI, EQIP, and WQPA. There is another possible project in Albion for WQPA that is a flood irrigation to sprinkler conversion.
- VIII. TA2021 REPORT – Melanie Nebeker**
  1. **SGI Project** on Chatburn's is underway along with 2 possible WQPA projects. Melanie is working on the eligibility for the Chatburn project.
  2. **TA Grant** reports are completed and submitted.
  3. **TA Grant** ends in December or January.
  4. **LSEE** Melanie assisted with the Land & Soil Evaluation Event contest day.
  5. **New Grant** Melanie found a possible new SARE grant that may help with finances for the workshops.

**IX. Budget Items:**

1. **NACD Dues:** Mark Webb motioned to pay the NACD dues at the same amount as they paid last year as shown in their budget. Hannah Sanders seconded the motion. Motion passed.
2. **Speech & Poster Contest:** Mark made the motion to COMBINE the Speech & Poster Contest budgets and raise the total amount to \$600 to be used for either (or both) contest as needed. Hannah Sanders seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**X.** Mark Webb motioned for the meeting to adjourn at 2:50 pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Doreen McMurray (Information & Education Specialist).