

PROJECT Committee

DRAFT MINUTES

Date: Thursday, June 13, 2024 @ 5:30 pm
Burley Straw Maze / 845 East 500 South, Burley

Meeting called to order by Project Committee Chairman Richard Kunau at 5:32 pm.

In Attendance: *Committee Members: Richard Kunau, Luke Stevenson, Ken Woodworth, and Dusty Wilkins. Admin: Sharon Hardy, Rachelle Osterhout, and Doreen McMurray.*
Absent: Hannah Sanders and Jordan Searle.

1. Minutes of the Previous Meeting dated March 11, 2024 were reviewed by committee. Dusty Wilkins motioned to accept the minutes as written. Luke Stevenson seconded the motion. Motion carried.
2. The treasurer's report was reviewed. Ken Woodworth motioned to accept the report. Luke Stevenson seconded the motion. Motion carried.
3. The Budget was reviewed and committee members would like admin to use the media advertising budget of \$200 to boost community conservation classes. The budget reflects adjustments in the amount to be used for the community conservation classes to be raised to \$4,000. Dusty Wilkins motioned to approve the amended budget. Luke Stevenson seconded the motion. Motion carried.
4. The Committee discussed the name of this committee. Ken Woodworth motioned to change the name of the committee from the Tri-District Project Committee to simply "Project Committee". Dusty Wilkins seconded the motion. Motion carried.
5. Office supplies are needed for the offices. Money is set in the budget. Admin will get needed supplies.
6. Doreen McMurray gave an update on the social media and website traffic. Channels for publicity are limited and committee wants to use budgeted funds to boost social media posts. (website cost \$648 for 3 years – due again March 2026)
7. Sharon Hardy gave a report on the Chamber of Commerce coverage they are giving us. (cost \$350 a year)
8. Community Conservation Classes were reviewed. (schedule below)
9. Dusty gave information on the IAMP grant money that may possibly be used to purchase new direct seed drills. He will look for more information.

Dusty Wilkins motioned to adjourn the meeting at 5:48 pm. Awards Banquet followed.
Respectfully submitted by Doreen McMurray and Sharon Hardy.

COMMUNITY CONSERVATION CLASSES

(3-4 each year)

Class #1 Pollinators - Tuesday, June 18, 2024 7-8:30pm (during National Pollinator Week)

Location: Cassia Co. Courthouse, Commissioner Chambers - enter from the back (east) side of the building – down the ramp. Take stairs to 2nd floor.

Agenda:	7:00	Introduction (Sharon)
	7:10	Pollinators - What They Are, What They Like, Bring Them In (Lyndsey Schmitt)
	7:30	In the Life of Bees (Heidi Tubbs)
	7:50	Keeping Pollinators Alive (Jason Thomas)
	8:10	Make Your Own Seed Mix

Class #2 The Plant Whisperers – Summer Gardening - Tuesday, August 6, 2024

Location: Burley Public Library Time: 7:00-8:30 pm

Topics: Meet the Beetles
Fall Gardening for Pollinator Habitat
Pruning tomatoes/roses/bushes
Plant Disease & Pests
Testing Your Soil

Business Partners: Ace Hardware, Vicki's Country Garden, Stukenholtz Lab, others?

Take-Away: pruning shears, soil testing kits?

Class #3 Time to Hibernate – Preparing Your Plants for Winter - Tuesday, October 15, 2024

Location: Mary Lou's Flower Cart Time: 7:00-8:30 pm

Topics: Winterizing Perennials
BULBS – How & When to plant and care for them/Preparation for Winter
Preparing Your Garden for Winter
Composting
Hibernation Habitat for Pollinators/How to protect them over the Winter
Pumpkins & Squash (recipes, seed uses, decorations)

Business Partners: Mary Lou's Flower Cart, Pumpkin Patch, ??

Take-Away: pumpkin (or certificate for one), flower bulbs

Class #4 Trees for Yards & Windbreaks - Tuesday, February 11, 2025

Location: Minidoka Fairgrounds/McGregor Building Time: 7:00-8:30 pm

Topics: Windbreaks – Why, Where, How
Tree Selection (choosing the right tree for the right location)
Trees for Landscaping & Windbreaks
Pruning Trees

Business Partners: 4 Seasons, Teton Trees, ??

Take-Away: a bundle of seedlings from 2025 tree sale order

Future Class Ideas

Plan Now for Yard Foraging
Creative Landscape Designs – How To
Being “Fire-Wise” – What Grows in Southern Idaho?
What’s the Buzz About?
How to Qualify for Government Funding
Building Charcuterie Platters w/ Garden Vegetables
Create a Bird-Friendly Yard
Bird Feeders 101

Care for Your Seedlings
Pest Trapping (You Can Do It)
Improving Soil Health in Your Garden
Healthy Pastures
Drought Resistant vs. Water-Wise
Bumble Bee Habitat in Idaho
The Dirt on Bees – Soil Health for Pollinators