

**EAST CASSIA SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
DRAFT MINUTES – April 2022 BOARD MEETING
4-H Classroom, Burley Idaho
April 5, 2022**

Place: 4-H Classroom
Date: April 5, 2022
Time: 1:00 p.m.
Presiding: Rob Cottle

Supervisors Present
Rob Cottle- Chairman
Steve Ward- Vice Chairman
Mark Webb- Member
Hannah Sanders- Member

Employees and Agency Representatives:
Rachelle Osterhout- Administrative Assistant
David Mabey- NRCS
Carolyn Firth- ISWCC
Melanie Nebeker- TA Grant Employee

Supervisors Not Present:
Ken Woodworth- Treasurer

ACTION ITEMS

- I. **Called Meeting to Order:** Rob Cottle called meeting to order at 1:19 PM.
- II. **Changes to Agenda:** No changes
- III. **Approve Minutes of Previous Meeting:** Mark Webb moved to approve Minutes of previous meeting. Steve Ward seconded. Motion Carried.
- IV. **Treasurer's Report:** Hannah Sanders read treasurer's report for March 2022. Mark Webb moved to approve Treasurer's Reports. Steve Ward seconded. Motion Carried.
- V. **Calendar of Events:**
 - a. **Next Board Meeting:** May 3, 2022 1:00 PM- 4-H Classroom, Burley Idaho
 - b. **RC&D Meeting:** May 20, 2022
 - c. **Tri-District Summer Awards Banquet:** July 12, 2022

AGENCY REPORTS

1. **NRCS Update-** David Mabey gave the update for NRCS. They have been busy working on contracts. EQIP contracts are down. Covid update: both Burley and Rupert office are at 75% office staff capacity, no masks and the door is open to the public. There is a new program that is available, Conservation Incentive Contract (CIC), They are waiting for the guidelines to move forward with it.
2. **ISWCC Update-** Carolyn Firth gave the update for ISWCC. WQPA has been funded. There is \$5 million available and it has to be spent by June 2023. She handed out a fact sheet about the program. This program can piggyback on other programs. The application will go through Conservation Districts and they will receive a 10% admin fee. Carolyn also attended a WAG meeting and reported the following: The Idaho Department of Environmental Quality is doing a Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) 5-year review on the Raft River Watershed. As part of the review, they will be monitoring several sites in the watershed: two on the Raft River; one on the South Fork Sublette Creek; one on Connor Creek; a site on Edwards Creek; a site on South Creek, and a site on Circle Creek. In addition to the monitoring, they will also be developing bacteria TMDLs for Clyde Creek and Sublette Reservoir.
3. **TA 2020-** Melanie Nebeker updated the board about the work she has been doing. She has been very busy working on contracts. She has been attending many trainings, however they are beginning to slow down. She also worked on HEL W/C (Highly Erodible Land/ Wetland Compliance) reviews both in Minidoka and Cassia County. Melanie Nebeker and Rachelle Osterhout turned in the TA 2021 financial and accomplishments report for the first quarter.

ACTION ITEMS

I. OLD BUSINESS:

II. NEW BUSINESS

1. Admin Report:

- a. Request for Assistance:** Rachelle Osterhout turned in East Cassia request for assistance for 50 hours of technical assistance from the SWC to assist with the 5-year soil testing project.
- b. District Laptop:** Doreen McMurray has requested the district partner with West Cassia SWCD to purchase a new laptop with Microsoft Office Suite with Publisher program. The current laptop is not working properly. It is out of date to run current programs. Mark Webb made a motion to purchase a new laptop with Microsoft Office and Publisher program. Steve Ward seconded. Motion Carried
- c. NRC Scholarship:** East Cassia would like more information at the next meeting. They would like details about the camp, how many days and where it is located.
- d. Other:**
Newsletter: Doreen McMurray is working on the newsletter. Mark Webb suggested we add information about the WQPA to the newsletter and to the districts website.

2022 IASCD Conference- Rachelle Osterhout shared information with East Cassia about the conference and what they are asking each district to contribute.

They would like each district to contribute the following:

- At least 1 \$500 sponsor
- At least 1 item for the Welcome Bag (175 ct)
- Provide \$25 door prize donation or item of approx. value

District Scholarship: Scholarship information is available on the district website for graduating seniors.

Mail: Rachelle Osterhout passed out information about the recent legislative session, Magic Valley Field Day (June 29, 2022) Twin Falls Idaho, Ground Water Awareness Fair (April 20, 2022) Heyburn Idaho and Pheasants Forever wildlife seed mixes information.

2. Supervisor's Report:

- a. Seedling Tree Sale Update:** Rachelle Osterhout updated the board on the tree sale. We have ran out of many seedlings and are only able to add more Norway Poplar and Quaking Aspen. We are also close to selling \$11,000. The trees will arrive the 3rd or 4th week in April. We will be bagging orders at Megan Heward's house. Megan will be distributing the orders.
- b. Summer Awards Banquet:** East Cassia board discussed who they would like to honor this year. Hannah Sanders made the motion for East Cassia SWCD to honor Todd Garrett, Raft River Recharge Group. Mark Webb seconded. Motion Carried. They also discussed the location to hold the banquet and food options. Doreen McMurray and Rachelle Osterhout will check on prices and will update the board at the May meeting.
Location ideas: Shanty Bell, Hampton Inn
Catering ideas: Sarah Adams, Edith's Café

Adjourn: Mark Webb moved to adjourn the meeting at 2:48. Hannah Sanders seconded. Motion Carried

Respectfully submitted by Rachelle Osterhout