

**BUTTE SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT**  
**Board Meeting Minutes for April 18th, 2024**  
**USDA Service Center, Arco, Idaho**

**Board Present:** Walt Johnson, Randy Purser, Todd Perkes, Hayden Isham

**Staff Present:** Stephanie Barnes, Timothy Barnes, Mindy Hawley

**Guests Present:** David Callister – UI Extension, George Hitz – ISWCC, Vickie Rainey, Tricia Rogers - NRCS

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by Randy Purser at 12:05 p.m.

**Approve Minutes:** A motion was made by Walt Johnson to approve the March minutes as written. A second was made by Hayden Isham. Voting Aye: Randy Purser, Walt Johnson, Todd Perkes, and Hayden Isham. Voting Nay: None. **Motion Approved.**

Todd Perkes presented the treasurer’s report and checks to be signed. A motion was made by Hayden Isham to sign the checks and accept the treasurer’s report. A second was made by Walt Johnson. Voting Aye: Randy Purser, Walt Johnson, Todd Perkes, and Hayden Isham. Voting Nay: None. **Motion Approved.**

**Partner Reports:**

**Butte SWCD Employees and Board:**

Walt Johnson attended the last IASCD annual conference planning meeting and brought ideas of what the Butte SWCD could provide for the goodie bags. He will research costs and report back.

Stephanie gave an update on DEQ grant applications submitted. She also provided a timeline for the current TA grant.

Timothy has been designing pipeline tie-ins for NRCS program applicants. He has had some field training with NRCS engineers. He will be helping both days of Envirothon. He attended the Division VI meeting and provided an overview.

Mindy gave an update conducting stewardship activities at the Mackay school. She will have the posters at the next meeting for judging. Envirothon is next week and she will be there both days. She attended the last planning meeting for the IASCD annual conference.

**UI Extension:** David Callister attended the annual conference in Moscow. The Extension will be hiring a forage specialist and an irrigation specialist to work statewide. He is conducting a ranch succession class that has been well attended.

**Idaho Soil and Water Conservation Commission:** George Hitz was present to discuss the legislative session. He provided updates on the Water Quality Program for Agriculture application process.

**Old Business:**

None.

**New Business:**

**WQPA Grant Application:** Discussion was made on potential projects to submit for the WQPA grant funding.

**College Scholarship Applications:** The scholarship applications were reviewed by the board. Discussion was made to write the checks to the college or to the student, it was agreed to write the checks out to the student. A motion was made by Hayden Isham with a second from Walt Johnson to award \$500 scholarships to Alyssa Hawley and Tannabe Cecil. Voting Aye: Randy Purser, Walt Johnson, Todd Perkes, and Hayden Isham. Voting Nay: None. **Motion Approved.**

**Next Meeting Date:** The next meeting date will be May 16th at noon at the Butte SWCD office.

A motion was made by Walt Johnson to adjourn, second was made by Todd Perkes. Voting Aye: Randy Purser, Walt Johnson, Todd Perkes, and Hayden Isham. Voting Nay: None. **Motion Approved.**