

BUTTE SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
Board Meeting Minutes for December 16th, 2023
Golden West Cafe, Arco, Idaho

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

Staff Present: Stephanie Barnes, Timothy Barnes

Guests Present: Jesse Fullmer – NRCS, George Hitz – ISWCC, David Callister – UI Extension

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Randy Purser at 8:03 p.m.

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

Todd Perkes presented the treasurer's report. A problem was found with the Frontier Credit Union account's reconciliation report so it was not accepted. Stephanie will work to correct the report for next month's meeting.

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

Partner Reports:

Butte SWCD Employees and Board:

Stephanie Barnes shared that an Envirothon advisor has been found and that two more students are needed to make a team. She also shared information about the IASCD Legislative Social in January.

NRCS: Jesse Fullmer gave an update on NRCS activities. They are currently working on eligibility for the EQIP applications received. They hired a soil conservation technician and she will start in the next month or so. A soil conservationist and range conservationist position were flown this month.

ISWCC: George Hitz was present to introduce himself and update the board on ISWCC activities. An update was provided on WQPA projects. Discussion was made on the types of projects George has experience with and what projects the District will need assistance with during the coming year.

UI Extension: David Callister will be participating in the NRCS townhall meeting. He has been busy with pesticide certification and credit classes. Pasture and cereal schools will be coming up. A farm succession planning workshop is coming up as well.

Old Business:

None.

New Business:

A motion was made by Walt Johnson to pay the Golden West bill for the Annual Meeting dinner. A second was made by Mark Telford. Voting Aye: Randy Purser, Todd Perkes, Walt Johnson, Mark Telford, and Hayden Isham. Voting Nay: None. **Motion Approved.**

Next Meeting Date: The next board meeting will be held January 11th at 12:00 p.m. at the NRCS office in Arco.

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