

BUTTE SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
Board Meeting Minutes for March 25, 2026
NRCS Conference Room, Arco, Idaho

Board Present: Randy Purser, Walt Johnson, Mark Telford

Associate Board: Jayson Giesbrecht

Staff Present: Mindy Hawley, Emma Wanstrom, Jarrie Schaefer

Guests Present: Berett Rosenkrance - NRCS, Madison Vargovich – ISWCC, Jacob Giesbrecht

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Randy Purser at 12:10 pm.

Rory Pancheri needs an endorsement from us for a project he is working on in the Little Lost. BLM is on board with everything except for one stream. He is trying to keep water in a channel. There is a group of 6 people. Walt Johnson says, "The water has been leaving the channel watering different places and sinking into the ground. What is that going to change?" Mark Telford was curious to ask Hayden Isham or David Callister their thoughts as they live in that area. Walt Johnson moves to table to the next meeting to get more information, Mark Telford seconds. Voting Aye: Randy Purser, Walt Johnson, Mark Telford. Voting Nay: none. **Motion Approved.**

Approve Minutes: A motion was made by Walt Johnson to accept the minutes as read, a second was made by Mark Telford. Voting Aye: Randy Purser, Walt Johnson, Mark Telford. Voting Nay: none.

Motion Approved.

Treasurer's Report: Jarrie Schaefer presented the treasurer's report and checks to be signed. Jarrie went over the grants and explained how TA Grant year 6 is closing March 31, with an overage. She is waiting to hear back from Chessa Ossefoort on what to do with the overage. A motion was made by Mark Telford to sign the checks and accept the treasurer's report as given. A second was made by Walt Johnson. Voting Aye: Randy Purser, Walt Johnson, Mark Telford. Voting Nay: none. **Motion Approved.**

Communications: There were no communications.

Monthly Reports:

ISWCC: Madison Vargovich: WQPA is looking unlikely but not guaranteed. Annual and five-year plans are due. Merger passed both the house and the senate, just needs to be signed by the governor. No changes have been noticed yet, just more communications with IDWR. CREP enrollment just closed on March 20th.

Butte SWCD Employees and Board: Mindy Hawley: working on Envirothon. Have team signed up. Tried to contact them to offer support, have not heard back from them. Have two senior scholarships so far. Have we got the no-till drill back yet? Mark Telford says no, but it is finished. Mindy says she needs a tour of it, before she is placed in charge of the drill. Randy Purser: Spoke with Todd Perkes this morning. He sounded pretty good. Emma Wanstrom: been staying busy. Making conservation plans and maps. Taking one rangeland class and two

other classes for a total of 12 credits. Trying to be done with school in 3 years. Jarrie Schaefer: Finished RCPP reports, they were approved. Getting ready to write OSC grant. Waiting to hear on TA and RMEF grants. Working on books getting them ready to start a new budget. Going to be working with Amy Briggs to get audit and QuickBooks to match up to help with state reporting. Creating a grant tool kit, to make grant writing easier.

NRCS: Berett Rosenkrance – Division VI meeting they discussed how they want everyone to continue with their local work group meetings. Then pick a representative to go the regional meeting to represent the local group. The representative makes up 1/4th of the decision. Blaine County will be added to our group. We will need to have a local group and cliff notes to go to the regional meeting. Jesse is on another 120-day detail. Hopefully will be back in July. Derek Romer is our team lead. He is in Shoshone. Mark Telford makes the motion to have Jarrie Schaefer write a letter to Ben Bonella to ask for Jesse Fullmer to return to complete projects in our area. Walt Johnson seconds. Voting aye: Randy Purser, Walt Johnson, Mark Telford. Voting nay: none. **Motion Approved.**

Old Business:

District Boundary Sign: Looked at the state rules for posting highway signs.

CWMA: Will continue to working with Mark Wheeler.

New Business:

Funding Letter: Board said they were good, so Jarrie Schaefer will get those ready to send out.

Butte Fair Ad Book: Walt Johnson moves that we pay \$75.00 to place our no-till drill add in the Butte Fair book. Mark Telford seconds. Voting aye: Randy Purser, Walt Johnson, Mark Telford. Voting nay: non. **Motion Approved.**

Request for Assistance: Berett Rosenkrance suggested using this to fund materials for fence markers. It has been tabled until the next meeting.

Policies and Procedures: tabled to the next meeting to give everyone a chance to review the paperwork Jarrie Schaefer sent them via email.

Next meeting will be Tuesday, April 21, 2026, at noon, NRCS Conference Room.

It was moved by Walt Johnson and seconded by Mark Telford to adjourn the meeting. Voting Aye: Randy Purser, Walt Johnson, Mark Telford. Voting Nay: none. **Motion Approved.** Randy Purser adjourned the meeting at 1:33 pm.