

BUTTE SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
Board Meeting Minutes for June 20th, 2024
Bottolfsen Park, Arco, Idaho

Board Present: Walt Johnson, Randy Purser, Todd Perkes

Staff Present: Stephanie Barnes, Timothy Barnes, Mindy Hawley

Guests Present: Jesse Fullmer - NRCS

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Randy Purser at 12:14 p.m.

Approve Minutes: A motion was made by Walt Johnson to approve the May minutes. A second was made by Todd Perkes. Voting Aye: Randy Purser, Walt Johnson, Todd Perkes. Voting Nay: None.

Motion Approved.

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

Partner Reports:

NRCS: Jesse Fullmer gave an update on NRCS activities. A natural resource specialist and an administrative assistant have been hired and will start July 1st. He stated that the NRCS is not interested in putting an engineering position in the Arco office at this time. Discussion was made on the local working group meetings. He stated the NRCS will start doing outreach on behalf of the SWCDs. The next meeting date is set for August 14th at Craters of the Moon visitor center. Jesse stated that that location works best.

Butte SWCD Employees and Board:

Timothy Barnes reported finishing irrigation system tie-in designs. He has been working on cost-estimates for EQIP applicants. He drafted a logo for the IASCD annual conference coins.

Mindy Hawley gave an update on the Natural Resource Camp. Discussion was made on having a student repay the fee as they cancelled last minute. The student provided a doctor's note so it was agreed not to have them repay the fee. She will be attending the next IASCD annual conference planning meeting on the 24th.

Stephanie Barnes reported that the payroll frequency has been changed to monthly. She has been cleaning out old files in accordance with Idaho's document retention timelines. She updated the board on the Junior Board's activities. The Junior Board is planning to add plants to the pollinator plot on Lost River Avenue. They would like to walk through the Atomic Days parade and hand out candy and informational material. They are also potentially taking down the District's boundary signs for re-painting. Discussion was made on re-painting and options.

Old Business:

IASCD Conference Coins and Logo: The draft logo was reviewed. A motion was made by Todd Perkes with a second from Randy Purser to approve the logo. Voting Aye: Randy Purser, Walt Johnson, Todd Perkes. Voting Nay: None. **Motion Approved.**

Conservation Tour: Discussion was made on the date of the tour to allow for advertisement during Atomic Days. The new date was set for July 24th. Locations will include the Moore pipeline, Lost River pipeline, wildlife fence, and a cheatgrass challenge location.

New Business:

FY 24-25 Budget: Tabled until July. It was requested that another column be put on the draft budget to show last year's totals.

ISWCC District Survey: The District Survey was discussed, completed, and signed.

ISWCC Match Report: Total donations received totaled \$14,605.00. A motion was made by to sign and submit the match report by Todd Perkes, a second by Walt Johnson. Voting Aye: Randy Purser, Walt Johnson, Todd Perkes. Voting Nay: None. **Motion Approved.**

TA Grant Working Agreement: Discussion was made on the new TA grant starting July 1st. A new agreement needed to be signed as this grant is a new position focusing on engineering. The salary has increased and the employee will be evaluated according to the NRCS' engineering technician job description. A motion was made by Walt Johnson to sign the new working agreement. A second was made by Todd Perkes. Voting Aye: Randy Purser, Walt Johnson, Todd Perkes. Voting Nay: None. **Motion Approved.**

Next Meeting Date: The next meeting date will be July 24th immediately following the conservation tour.

A motion was made at 1:48 p.m. by Todd Perks to adjourn, second was made by Walt Johnson. Voting Aye: Randy Purser, Walt Johnson, Todd Perkes. Voting Nay: None. **Motion Approved.**