

BUTTE SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
Board Meeting Minutes for January 20th, 2022
Butte County Business Center, Arco, ID and via Zoom

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

Staff Present: Mindy Hawley, Stephanie Barnes

Via Zoom: Jesse Fullmer – NRCS, Rob Sharpnack - ISWCC

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Randy Purser at 12:15 p.m.

A motion was made by Todd Perkes to appoint Randy Purser as Board Chairman, Mark Telford as Vice-Chairman, and Todd Perkes as Treasurer. A second was made by Hayden Isham. Voting Aye: Todd Perkes, Randy Purser, Hayden Isham, Walt Johnson. Voting Nay: None. **Motion Approved.**

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

Treasurer's Report: Todd Perkes provided the monthly treasurer's report and checks to be approved and signed. A motion was made by Todd Perkes to approve the treasurer's report and sign the checks, with a second from Hayden Isham. Voting Aye: Todd Perkes, Randy Purser, Hayden Isham, Walt Johnson. Voting Nay: None. **Motion Approved.**

Monthly Reports:

NRCS: Jesse Fullmer provided an update on NRCS activities. The Arco field office received 75-80 EQIP applications, Brooke Morgan took a position with Pheasant's Forever in Burley. Her position and the Resource Conservationist position should be open soon.

ISWCC: Rob Sharpnack was present via Zoom and gave an update on ISWCC activities. Rob is officially the CREP manager, his old position will be advertised soon. Rob also gave an update on potential new programs.

Butte SWCD Employees and Board: Mindy Hawley has been attending the Envirothon planning meetings. The dates for this year's event will be April 25th – 26th. Stewardship week is coming up and Mindy will work with the schools for activities, Stephanie Barnes requested the board signature on a form from the State Insurance Fund to grant her access to the online account.

A motion was made by Todd Perkes with a second from Walt Johnson to grant Stephanie access to the State Insurance Fund account. Voting Aye: Todd Perkes, Randy Purser, Hayden Isham, Walt Johnson. Voting Nay: None. **Motion Approved.**

Old Business:

East Idaho Credit Union Business Account: An appointment was made for after the board meeting to set up a business account at the EICU and give check signing permissions to additional board members.

New Business:

5-year Plan and Annual Plan of Work: Updates to the annual plan of work and the five-year plan were discussed. A motion was made by Todd Perkes with a second by Walt Johnson to accept the changes and submit the certificate to the ISWCC. Voting Aye: Todd Perkes, Randy Purser, Hayden Isham, Walt Johnson. Voting Nay: None. **Motion Approved.**

Request for ISWCC Assistance: Discussion was made on how many assistance hours to request from the ISWCC for 2022. A motion was made by Hayden Isham to request 37 hours of ISWCC assistance and to submit the certificate to the ISWCC. Voting Aye: Todd Perkes, Randy Purser, Hayden Isham, Walt Johnson. Voting Nay: None. **Motion Approved.**

Envirothon Donation Request: Discussion was made on Envirothon support for 2022. The board will pay for District teams and staff to attend meetings and the state event. A motion was made by Todd Perkes to donate \$25 for the state event. A second was made by Hayden Isham. Voting Aye: Todd Perkes, Randy Purser, Hayden Isham, Walt Johnson. Voting Nay: None. **Motion Approved.**

IASCD Division VI Dues: The annual dues of \$75 was approved with the treasurer's report.

Next Meeting Date: The next board meeting will be held February 16th, 2022 at noon at the Butte County Business Center in Arco.

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

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

A motion was made to provide Stephanie Barnes with two weeks of paid maternity leave by Todd Perkes, second by Hayden Isham. Voting Aye: Todd Perkes, Randy Purser, Hayden Isham, Walt Johnson. Voting Nay: None. **Motion Approved.**

Discussion was made on renting an office in Arco once Stephanie returns from maternity leave. Stephanie will contact the proposed building's owner for details.

A motion to adjourn was made at 1:09 p.m. by Walt Johnson, second by Hayden Isham. Voting Aye: Todd Perkes, Randy Purser, Hayden Isham, Walt Johnson. Voting Nay: None. **Motion Approved.**

BUTTE SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
Board Meeting Minutes for February 16th, 2022
Butte County Business Center, Arco, ID

Board Present: Todd Perkes, Randy Purser, Walt Johnson

Staff Present: Mindy Hawley, Stephanie Barnes, Samantha Spaulding

Guests present via telephone: Jesse Fullmer - NRCS

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Randy Purser at 12:15 p.m.

A motion was made by Todd Perkes to move approval of the treasurer's report to the end of the meeting, second by Walt Johnson. Voting Aye: Walt Johnson, Todd Perkes, and Randy Purser. Voting Nay: None. **Motion Approved.**

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

Monthly Reports:

Butte SWCD Employees and Board: Mindy Hawley gave an update on upcoming events. The Mackay Ag Days will be March 23rd. The Natural Resources Camp will be happening this year as long as there are no peaks in COVID cases. She is continuing to help with the state Envirothon contest planning. Samantha Spaulding gave a report on her activities and trainings with the NRCS. She attended the District Display Day on behalf of the District in Boise and will be assisting with the Mackay Ag Days. Stephanie Barnes presented the draft Winter newsletter to the board. She also discussed the annual sponsorship dues request and letter from the High County RC&D.

A motion was made by Todd Perkes to pay the \$150 annual sponsorship dues to the High Country RC&D. A second was made by Walt Johnson. Voting Aye: Walt Johnson, Todd Perkes, and Randy Purser. Voting Nay: None. **Motion Approved.**

NRCS: Jesse Fullmer gave an update on NRCS activities. They should know what their funding will look like for this round of application in March. They were able to submit the preliminary report request for the PL-566 funding. The Big Lost River Irrigation District and Butte County co-sponsored the application. The Conservation Stewardship Program deadline will be March 11th. Jesse will be doing a presentation to the National Conservation Planning Partnership over local working group meetings. The open positions in the Arco field office should be announced soon. The snowpack for the Big Lost River watershed is currently at 121%.

Old Business:

Office Rental Agreement and Moving Details: The rental agreement for moving the District office was discussed. A motion was made by Todd Perkes with a second from Walt Johnson to sign the agreement with Gamma Ray, LLC. and pay for 12 months of rent. Voting Aye: Walt Johnson, Todd Perkes, and Randy Purser. Voting Nay: None.

Motion Approved.

EICU Credit Card: Discussion was made on closing the Wells Fargo credit card account and open a credit card with the East Idaho Credit Union. Todd Perkes will stop by the bank after the meeting and see what is needed to open an account.

New Business:

Next Meeting Date: The next board meeting will be held March 17th at noon at the new District office at 260 W. Grand Ave., Arco, ID.

Treasurer's Report: Todd Perkes provided the monthly treasurer's report and checks to be approved and signed. A motion was made by Walt Johnson to approve the treasurer's report and sign the checks, with a second from Todd Perkes. Voting Aye: Walt Johnson, Todd Perkes, and Randy Purser. Voting Nay: None. **Motion Approved.**

A motion was made at 1:05 p.m. by Walt Johnson to adjourn, a second was made by Todd Perkes. Voting Aye: Walt Johnson, Todd Perkes, and Randy Purser. Voting Nay: None. **Motion Approved.**

BUTTE SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
Board Meeting Minutes for March 17th, 2022
Butte SWCD Office, 260 W. Grand Ave. Arco, ID

Board Present: Todd Perkes, Hayden Isham, Walt Johnson

Staff Present: Mindy Hawley, Samantha Spaulding

Guests present: David Callister-UI Extension

Guests present via telephone: Jesse Fullmer – NRCS, Lori Ringel-High Country, Matt Bringhurst-USFWS, and Delwyne Trefz-Commission

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Walt Johnson at 12:10 p.m.

Treasurer's Report: Todd Perkes provided the monthly treasurer's report and checks to be approved and signed. A motion was made by Hayden Isham to approve the treasurer's report and sign the checks, with a second from Todd Perkes. Voting Aye: Walt Johnson, Todd Perkes, and Hayden Isham. Voting Nay: None. **Motion Approved.**

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

Monthly Reports:

Butte SWCD Employees and Board: Mindy Hawley gave an update on upcoming events. Envirothon April 25th and 26th in Challis, Butte SWCD will be sending one team and Mindy and Samantha will attend as helpers. 6th Grade Posters and Stewardship will be this Monday, April 21st, in Arco and Mackay. Be prepared to judge posters next meeting. March 23rd Mindy and Sam will help Custer with ag days in Mackay. March 31st, Mindy will help David with Ag days in the high school. Samantha Spaulding gave a report on her activities. She has been busy ranking applications for Jesse. She has been doing some online training. She attended the Burley division meeting. She will help with 6th grade posters and ag days.

A motion was made by Hayden Isham to send Mindy and Sam to help at the Idaho Envirothon in Challis. A second was made by Todd Perkes. Voting Aye: Walt Johnson, Todd Perkes, and Hayden Isham. Voting Nay: None. **Motion Approved.**

High Country RC&D: Lori Ringel gave an update about doing over a million dollars' worth of grants. A lot of them are working on fire lines. Bannock and Teton county are starting a 5-year agreement with BLM. We still have \$4000 for our use; it needs used before September. It's for fire prevention for private land, it can not be used for federal.

USFWS: Matt updated us on our \$10,000 ish (He will look into exact \$) left in the Butte account. Him and Jesse talked about using it to make fences more friendly for wildlife migrations. Jesse will look into what project we can spend this on. David Price will be taking over Matt's position in the near future.

A motion was made by Hayden Isham to approve using available funds to make fences for wildlife more friendly. A second was made by Todd Perkes. Voting Aye: Walt Johnson, Todd Perkes, and Hayden Isham. Voting Nay: None. **Motion Approved.**

UI Extension: David just finished up a pesticide training. 4-H school in Preston, Mud Lake and Blackfoot. Pasture School in I.F. Monday. Mackay ag Bowl on March 31st, Mindy will help if needed. There is still snow on his test plot fields, but once it melts he would like to use our no till drill to plant.

Commission: Delwyne talked about how the legislature passed an \$80,000 bill that will be distributed to districts for matches. 5 million will go towards water quality agriculture.

NRCS: Jesse Fullmer gave an update on NRCS activities. The local working group had to many funding groups so they need narrowed down from 8 to 5. Meaning some groups will be consolidated. Curtis Elke is on board to re-align priorities. # 1 being water quantity and # 2 being wildlife. NRCS is looking to hire an outside engineer for the big lost river. NRCS is hiring a soil conservationist (Lara's job) and a Forester, both will be based out of the Arco office. The snowpack for the Big Lost River watershed is currently at 100%.

A motion was made by Todd Perkes to approve the amend of the LWG priorities. A second was made by Hayden Isham. Voting Aye: Walt Johnson, Todd Perkes, and Hayden Isham. Voting Nay: None. **Motion Approved.**

Old Business:

EICU Credit Card: Todd Perkes is still working on Credit Card

LGIP FUNDS MANAGEMENT: Leave money where it is. .15% at credit union vs .1187% and changing all the time.

Ag Books: Will donate but we need to know how much it costs to get an ad for our no till drill in it?

Red Books: How much to get our name in the book?

New Business:

Next Meeting Date: The next board meeting will be held April 21st at noon at the new District office at 260 W. Grand Ave., Arco, ID.

A motion was made at 2:05 p.m. by Todd Perkes to adjourn, a second was made by Hayden Isham. Voting Aye: Walt Johnson, Todd Perkes, and Hayden Isham. Voting Nay: None. **Motion**
Approved.

BUTTE SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
Board Meeting Minutes for April 21st, 2022
Butte SWCD Office, Arco, ID

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

Staff Present: Mindy Hawley, Samantha Spaulding

Guests Present: David Callister – UI Extension

Zoom Attendance: Stephanie Barnes – Butte SWCD, Jesse Fullmer – NRCS, George Hitz - ISWCC

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Randy Purser at 12:03 p.m.

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

Treasurer's Report: Todd Perkes provided the monthly treasurer's report and checks to be approved and signed. A motion was made by Walt Johnson to approve the treasurer's report and sign the checks, including the IDEA dues and donations to the UI Redbook and the 4-H Market Animal Association. A second was made by Hayden Isham. Voting Aye: Walt Johnson, Todd Perkes Hayden Isham, and Randy Purser. Voting Nay: None. **Motion Approved.**

Monthly Reports:

Butte SWCD Employees and Board: Mindy Hawley gave an update on the upcoming Envirothon competition. The poster contest will be judged during the meeting and winners chosen. Stephanie Barnes updated the board on the engineering funds held by the IASCD. Jesse Fullmer will try contacting Benjamin Kelly at IASCD to see if those funds can be released.

NRCS: Jesse Fullmer updated the board on NRCS program contract loads. Discussion was made on the Farm Service Agency workload and writing a letter to the state FSA office suggesting more staff be added. The NRCS is still waiting on a budget from the national office. Jesse has requested more funding to cover projects in the District. The Resource Conservationist position has been posted and he should be seeing the applicant information soon.

UI Extension: David Callister updated the board on several youth agricultural related activities held recently in Arco and Mackay. A forage school will be coming up. He is looking into holding a soil moisture meter educational class.

ISWCC: George Hitz updated the board on the WQPA funding recently passed by the legislature. He provided eligibility details and sent the application form to the District.

Old Business:

4-H Ad Book Donation: A \$75 donation to the 4-H Market Animal Association was approved with the treasurer's report.

Redbook Sponsorship: A \$100 sponsorship donation to the UI Redbook was approved with the treasurer's report.

New Business:

Grant Updates: Stephanie updated the board on the NACD TA grant. The third year of the grant has been concluded and final reports were submitted. Year four of the grant has now started. A \$250 grant from Project Learning Tree/Idaho Forest Products Commission to do an Arbor Day activity in May and also during the 6th grade natural resources tour. A grant for \$2,500 was submitted to Project Neighborly on behalf of the Arco Farmer's Market for equipment, we should know if funding was received in May. Stephanie is working with the NRCS to submit a grant from the Rocky Mountain Power Foundation for funding to help pay for a fish screen for the Blaine County Canal Company's pipeline project, it is due in June.

IDEA Dues: The \$60 annual Idaho District Employees Association dues were approved with the treasurer's report.

Natural Resource Camp Scholarships: Mindy will visit Arco and Mackay 7th graders the first week in May and will advertise UI's Natural Resources Camp. Interested students will pay \$50 and the SWCD will pay the remaining amount for them to attend the camp.

Quickbooks Update: Stephanie informed the board that support for the current version of quickbooks will end in May. No action was taken.

Next Meeting Date: The next board meeting will be held May 19th at noon at the Butte SWCD office in Arco.

A motion was made at 1:32 p.m. by Hayden Isham to adjourn, a second was made by Walt Johnson. Voting Aye: Walt Johnson, Todd Perkes Hayden Isham, and Randy Purser. Voting Nay: None. **Motion Approved.**

BUTTE SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
Board Meeting Minutes for May 19th, 2022
Butte SWCD Office, Arco, ID

Board Present: Todd Perkes, Randy Purser, Walt Johnson

Staff Present: Mindy Hawley, Samantha Spaulding

Zoom Attendance: Stephanie Barnes – Butte SWCD, Jesse Fullmer – NRCS, George Hitz - ISWCC

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Randy Purser at 12:09 p.m.

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

Treasurer's Report: Todd Perkes provided the monthly treasurer's report and checks to be approved and signed. A motion was made by Todd Perkes to approve the treasurer's report and sign the checks, including a check for drill repair and a check for the Natural Resources Camp fees. A second was made by Walt Johnson. Voting Aye: Walt Johnson, Todd Perkes, and Randy Purser. Voting Nay: None. **Motion Approved.**

Monthly Reports:

Butte SWCD Employees and Board: Mindy Hawley gave an update on the Envirothon competition and the Butte team. Samantha Spaulding has been working to compete NRCS contracts. She helped with Envirothon. She estimates her last day will be mid-July and will be attending graduate school in Arkansas. Stephanie Barnes gave grant updates and a summary of donations received to date.

NRCS: Jesse Fullmer updated the board on NRCS program contract loads. The CSP program is currently taking applications. They had three projects submitted for WQPA funding consideration. The Forester position should be filled soon. Discussion was made on irrigation lining/pipeline projects. The Resource Conservationist and Soil Conservationist positions have been posted and he should be seeing the applicant information soon. Discussion was made on advertising the TA grant position in June. Discussion was made to have a local working group meeting on June 23rd.

ISWCC: George Hitz updated the board on the WQPA funding recently passed by the legislature. He provided a summary of projects submitted to date.

Old Business:

Natural Resource Camp: Eleven students submitted applications and their portion of the camp fees. The board decided to send all 11 to camp.

New Business:

Drill Expenses: Randy updated the board on issues with the no-till drill. He had it repaired and the bill was approved to be paid.

FY 2022-2023 Budget: Stephanie reminded the board that the budget for the next fiscal year is coming due. Stephanie will work with Todd on developing the budget.

A motion was made by Todd Perkes to enter executive session, a second was made by Walt Johnson. Voting Aye: Walt Johnson, Todd Perkes, and Randy Purser. Voting Nay: None. **Motion Approved.**

A motion was made by Todd Perkes to leave executive session, a second was made by Walt Johnson. Voting Aye: Walt Johnson, Todd Perkes, and Randy Purser. Voting Nay: None. **Motion Approved.**

Employee Raises: A motion was made by Todd Perkes to raise staff hourly wages to \$18 per hour, a second by Walt Johnson. Voting Aye: Walt Johnson, Todd Perkes, and Randy Purser. Voting Nay: None. **Motion Approved.**

District Survey: The annual District survey for the Commission was completed and signed during the board meeting.

Next Meeting Date: The next board meeting will be held June 23rd in conjunction with the local working group meeting.

A motion was made at 1:08 p.m. by Walt Johnson to adjourn, a second was made by Todd Perkes. Voting Aye: Walt Johnson, Todd Perkes, and Randy Purser. Voting Nay: None. **Motion Approved.**

BUTTE SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
Board Meeting Minutes for June 23rd, 2022
Butte County Business Center, Arco, ID

Board Present: Todd Perkes, Randy Purser, Mark Telford

Staff Present: Mindy Hawley, Samantha Spaulding, Stephanie Barnes

Zoom Attendance: Delwyne Trefz – ISWCC

Guests Present: Berett Rosenkrance – NRCS, Bill Van Lente

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Randy Purser at 12:16 p.m.

Approve Minutes: A motion was made by Todd Perkes to accept the May minutes as written. A second was made by Mark Telford. Voting Aye: Mark Telford, Todd Perkes, and Randy Purser. Voting Nay: None. **Motion Approved.**

Treasurer's Report: Todd Perkes provided the monthly treasurer's report and checks to be approved and signed. A motion was made by Todd Perkes to approve the treasurer's report and sign the checks, including two charges made on the new EICU credit card. A second was made by Mark Telford. Voting Aye: Mark Telford, Todd Perkes, and Randy Purser. Voting Nay: None. **Motion Approved.**

Monthly Reports:

Butte SWCD Employees and Board: Mindy Hawley drove the students to the Natural Resource Camp and will be picking them back up on Saturday. Samantha Spaulding has been working with the NRCS on the CSP applications. Stephanie Barnes reminded the board that the Pence Bridge monitoring will be conducted in July.

NRCS: Berett Rosenkrance reported on CSP.

ISWCC: Delwyne Trefz went over the details for the funded WQPA project submitted by the District. An engineer was hired to cover our area.

Extension: David Callister reported that his test plots for different tillage rates was looking good. His office hired two college students to run a summer long kids program. So far, the participation has been good.

New Business:

FY 2022-2023 Budget: A draft budget was presented to the board for discussion. A public hearing and budget approval will be conducted at the next board meeting.

TA Grant Applications and Interviews: Seven applications were received for the TA grant position. An interview date will be set with NRCS.

Parade Participation: Discussion was made on pulling the no-till drill through the Atomic Days Parade. No commitment was made.

Next Meeting Date: The next board meeting will be held July 21st at noon at Bottolfson Park in Arco.

A motion was made at 1:18 p.m. by Mark Telford to adjourn, a second was made by Todd Perkes. Voting Aye: Mark Telford, Todd Perkes, and Randy Purser. Voting Nay: None. **Motion Approved.**

BUTTE SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
Board Meeting Minutes for July 21st, 2022
Bottolfson Park, Arco, ID

Board Present: Todd Perkes, Randy Purser, Walt Johnson

Staff Present: Mindy Hawley, Stephanie Barnes

Guests Present: David Callister – UI Extension, Derek Nichols, Jesse Fullmer - NRCS

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

WQPA Contract: Derek Nichols was present to sign the WQPA contract. Discussion was made about the project details.

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

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

Monthly Reports:

Butte SWCD Employees and Board: Mindy Hawley gave a report on the Natural Resources Camp. She will be making a display board for the County Fairs. She is also working through old photographs to digitize them. Stephanie Barnes gave an update on the Pence Bridge monitoring,

NRCS: Jesse Fullmer gave an update on NRCS activities. They will not be filling their open positions anytime soon. They are waiting on their new budget to be approved. Discussion was made on candidates interviewed to fill the TA grant position.

Extension: David Callister gave an update on Extension activities. The County Fair is coming up soon. He has been attending trainings on Farmer's Stress Management.

Old Business:

FY 2022-2023 Budget: An advertisement will be placed in the newspaper and the public hearing will be held next month.

TA Grant New Hire Update: Discussion was made and Jesse will contact the top two applicants with some final questions and offer one the position.

New Business:

Financial and Match Report: The financial and match report was presented to the board for approval. A motion was made by to accept the report by Todd Perkes with a second from Walt Johnson. Voting Aye: Walt Johnson, Todd Perkes, and Randy Purser. Voting Nay: None. **Motion Approved.**

IASCD Dues: A motion was made by Todd Perkes with a second by Walt Johnson to pay the FY22-23 annual IASCD dues. Voting Aye: Walt Johnson, Todd Perkes, and Randy Purser. Voting Nay: None. **Motion Approved.**

ICRMP Update: With Dean Moncur retiring, we will need a new insurance agency to handle the District's ICRMP insurance. Discussion was made to wait and see what the County does and perhaps follow suite.

Equipment Purchases: A motion was made by Walt Johnson to purchase an external hard drive for the amount of \$55, a second was provided by Todd Perkes. Voting Aye: Walt Johnson, Todd Perkes, and Randy Purser. Voting Nay: None. **Motion Approved.**

Next Meeting Date: The next board meeting will be held August 16th in Howe after the conservation tour.

A motion was made at 1:15 p.m. by Todd Perkes to adjourn, a second was made by Walt Johnson. Voting Aye: Walt Johnson, Todd Perkes, and Randy Purser. Voting Nay: None. **Motion Approved.**

BUTTE SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
Board Meeting Minutes for August 17th, 2022
Howe Community Center, Howe, ID

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

Staff Present: Mindy Hawley, Stephanie Barnes, Sara Zollinger

Guests Present: David Callister – UI Extension, Dale Van Lente, Jesse Fullmer – NRCS, Jennifer Weathered – NRCS, Berett Rosenkrance – NRCS, Ricki Garden – ISWCC, Tim Barnes

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Randy Purser at 12:30 p.m.

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

Treasurer's Report: Todd Perkes provided the monthly treasurer's report and checks to be approved and signed. A motion was made by Todd Perkes to approve the treasurer's report and sign the checks. A second was made by Mark Telford. Voting Aye: Walt Johnson, Todd Perkes, Mark Telford, and Randy Purser. Voting Nay: None. **Motion Approved.**

Monthly Reports:

Butte SWCD Employees and Board: Mindy Hawley gave a report on the County Fairs, the upcoming speech contest, and the 6th grade natural resources tour. Stephanie Barnes gave an update on upcoming monitoring due this Fall. Sara Zollinger introduced herself to the board.

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

A motion was made by Todd Perkes to provide a scholarship grant to Sara Zollinger, not to exceed \$4,500 and minus the amount, if any, that Blaine SCD will contribute towards the grant to pay for college credits needed to meet NRCS Soil Conservationist requirements. A second was made by Walt Johnson. Voting Aye: Walt Johnson, Todd Perkes, Mark Telford, and Randy Purser. Voting Nay: None. **Motion Approved.**

NRCS: Jesse Fullmer gave an update on NRCS activities. They are working on CSP applications. The EQIP deadline is October 7th. Jennie Weathered's last day will be September 9th. Discussion was made on holding a LWG meeting in September. Jesse will chat with Blaine SCD for possible dates.

Extension: David Callister gave an update on the Butte County Fair. The extension advisory committee will meet next month. He may be doing a careers class at the high school, but is waiting on word from the school.

Old Business:

FY 2022-2023 Budget: Tabled until next month.

New Business:

Hugh Hammond Bennett Award: Discussion was made on the criteria for award nominations and the process. Jesse Fullmer suggested nominating Mark Telford. A motion was made by Todd Perkes to nominate Mark Telford for the Hugh Hammond Bennett Award, a second was received from Walt Johnson. Voting Aye: Walt Johnson, Todd Perkes, and Randy Purser. Mark Telford abstained. Voting Nay: None. **Motion Approved.**

Election Filing: Two seats are up for re-election. Discussion was made on filling out the forms and the filing deadline.

6th Grade Tour: Mindy will check with the schools for dates, but will aim for the 22nd.

RCRDR Ranking: The District received a Resource Conservation and Range Development Program loan application from the ISWCC. Discussion was made on how to rank the application. A motion was made by Mark Telford to rank the application as high priority, a second by Walt Johnson. Voting Aye: Walt Johnson, Todd Perkes, Mark Telford, and Randy Purser. Voting Nay: None. **Motion Approved.**

New Logo: Discussion was made on creating a new electronic logo for the District. Stephanie will create a few concepts to bring to the next meeting.

Next Meeting Date: The next board meeting will be held September 27th in conjunction with the speech contest.

A motion was made at 1:55 p.m. by Mark Telford to adjourn, a second was made by Walt Johnson. Voting Aye: Walt Johnson, Todd Perkes, Mark Telford, and Randy Purser. Voting Nay: None. **Motion Approved.**

BUTTE SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
Board Meeting Minutes for September 28th, 2022
Butte SWCD office, 260 W. Grand Ave., Arco, ID

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

Staff Present: Mindy Hawley, Stephanie Barnes, Sara Zollinger

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

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Randy Purser at 12:04 p.m.

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

Treasurer's Report: Todd Perkes provided the monthly treasurer's report and checks to be approved and signed. Stephanie Barnes went over credit card receipts. A motion was made by Hayden Isham to approve the treasurer's report and sign the checks. A second was made by Walt Johnson. Voting Aye: Walt Johnson, Todd Perkes, Hayden Isham, and Randy Purser. Voting Nay: None. **Motion Approved.**

Monthly Reports:

Butte SWCD Employees and Board: Mindy Hawley gave a report Envirothon meetings, the 2023 state competition will be April 24-25 in Challis. The 6th grade tour went well and had about 50 kids there. Sara Zollinger gave an update on her trainings and office and field work. The board presented Sara with a scholarship grant check to cover the cost of classes needed for NRCS employment. Stephanie Barnes updated the board on open grants and also asked about updating the per diem rates for meals. Discussion was made on the District's policy for handling per diem and this will be placed on next month's agenda.

NRCS: Jesse Fullmer gave an update on NRCS activities. He gave an overview of the local working group meeting held September 22nd. The EQIP deadline is October 7th. Deadlines for CSP are coming up this fall. The Arco office has been selected for two soil conservationist hires.

Extension: David Callister will be harvesting the tillage test plots next week. Discussion was made on what type of cover crop to plant. He enjoyed presenting at the 6th grade natural resources tour.

Old Business:

FY 2022-2023 Budget: Tabled until next month.

New logo: Example logos were examined and discussion made on how many colors and what graphics to include. Discussion was made on businesses that do logos.

ICRMP Insurance Update: The ICRMP agent for Butte County will not be replaced. An ICRMP representative has contacted the District and would like to attend a board meeting, she will be invited to the next meeting.

New Business:

OSC Report: The final report for the Office of Species Conservation no-till drill grant was presented to the board and signed.

TA Grant MOA: A motion was made by Todd Perkes to sign the MOA for the next year of TA grant funding, a second was made by Hayden Isham. Voting Aye: Walt Johnson, Todd Perkes, Hayden Isham, and Randy Purser. Voting Nay: None. **Motion Approved.**

IASCD Conference Attendance and Award Nominations: Discussion was made on nominating a landowner for the Grassman of the Year Award. The board would like to nominate Jesse Fullmer for the Team Lead award, Stephanie will work with Jesse to gather information.

Next Meeting Date: The next board meeting will be held October 20th at noon at the District's office.

Board discussion was made on carbon sequestration and potential climate smart NRCS initiatives. Discussion was made on utilizing the District's savings to make an impact in the District.

A motion was made at 2:19 p.m. by Walt Johnson to adjourn, a second was made by Hayden Isham. Voting Aye: Walt Johnson, Todd Perkes, Hayden Isham, and Randy Purser. Voting Nay: None. **Motion Approved.**

BUTTE SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
Board Meeting Minutes for October 20th, 2022
Butte SWCD office, 260 W. Grand Ave., Arco, ID

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

Staff Present: Mindy Hawley, Stephanie Barnes, Sara Zollinger

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

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Randy Purser at 12:20 p.m.

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

Treasurer's Report: Todd Perkes provided the monthly treasurer's report and checks to be approved and signed. A motion was made by Todd Perkes to approve the treasurer's report and sign the checks. A second was made by Mark Telford. Voting Aye: Walt Johnson, Todd Perkes, Mark Telford, and Randy Purser. Voting Nay: None. **Motion Approved.**

Monthly Reports:

Butte SWCD Employees and Board: Mindy Hawley gave a report on the Division meeting and the speech contest. Butte SWCD's contestants Eliana and Tannabe Cecil placed first and second.

The board agreed to cover the cost of a hotel room, mileage, and the meeting meal for the speech contestant and three members of her family at the IASCD conference in November.

Sara Zollinger gave an update on her trainings and office and field work. Sara gave an update on the WQPA project's progress.

Stephanie Barnes gave an update on audit companies for the District.

NRCS: Jesse Fullmer gave an update on NRCS activities. The EQIP sign-up one has closed and they received about 100 applications. The open positions will be posted soon. The NRCS is hiring administrative assistants for all the offices. The PL-566 meeting went well and focused on the first phase of completing the feasibility report.

Extension: David Callister will be harvested the test plots and provided data on the harvest. A winter meeting co-hosted by the Extension office and the District will take place December or January.

Old Business:

FY 2022-2023 Budget: Discussion was made on the proposed budget. A motion was made by Todd Perkes to adopt the budget with a second from Walt Johnson. Voting Aye: Walt Johnson, Todd Perkes, Mark Telford, and Randy Purser. Voting Nay: None.

Motion Approved.

Hat Order: Discussion was made on design. A motion was made by Walt Johnson to purchase 12 hats for \$179.00. A second was made by Mark Telford. Voting Aye: Walt Johnson, Todd Perkes, Mark Telford, and Randy Purser. Voting Nay: None. **Motion**

Approved.

New Business:

LWG Recommendations: Tabled until next month.

Next Meeting Date: The next board meeting will be held November 14th at noon at the District's office. The December board meeting was set for the 16th at 5:30 p.m. at Golden West Café.

A motion was made at 1:42 p.m. by Walt Johnson to adjourn, a second was made by Mark Telford. Voting Aye: Walt Johnson, Todd Perkes, Mark Telford, and Randy Purser. Voting Nay: None. **Motion Approved.**

BUTTE SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
Board Meeting Minutes for November 14th, 2022
Butte SWCD office, 260 W. Grand Ave., Arco, ID

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

Staff Present: Mindy Hawley, Stephanie Barnes, Sara Zollinger

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

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

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

Treasurer's Report: Todd Perkes provided the monthly treasurer's report and checks to be approved and signed. A motion was made by Todd Perkes to approve the treasurer's report and sign the checks. A second was made by Mark Telford. Voting Aye: Walt Johnson, Todd Perkes, Mark Telford, Hayden Isham, and Randy Purser. Voting Nay: None. **Motion Approved.**

Partner Reports:

Butte SWCD Employees and Board: Mindy Hawley will be attending the IASCD conference in Burley. They two Butte SWCD speech contestants Eliana and Tannabe Cecil will be competing at the state level.

Sara Zollinger will be attending the IASCD conference. She has been working on EQIP eligibility.

Stephanie Barnes reminded the board to complete their mileage logs as checks will be printed next month. She also read off the list of the new state senators and representatives for the District. Stephanie also presented a letter of support for the Blaine County Canal Company to submit along with a grant application. A motion was made to sign the letter by Walt Johnson, second by Hayden Isham. Voting Aye: Walt Johnson, Todd Perkes, Mark Telford, Hayden Isham, and Randy Purser. Voting Nay: None. **Motion Approved.**

NRCS: Jesse Fullmer gave an update on NRCS activities. The EQIP sign-up one has closed and they received about 100 applications. He and Sara are conducting interviews for the student pathways position. The recent graduate interviews are coming up soon. Discussion was made on irrigation ditch liner maintenance.

Extension: David Callister gave an update on the advisory committee. Pesticide recertification classes are coming up in December. Forage, cereal, and potato schools will be coming up around the state.

Old Business:

None.

New Business:

LWG Recommendations: Discussion was made on the LWG recommendations to be submitted to the NRCS state office. A motion was made by Walt Johnson to sign the recommendations with a second from Hayden Isham. Voting Aye: Walt Johnson, Todd Perkes, Mark Telford, Hayden Isham, and Randy Purser. Voting Nay: None. **Motion Approved.**

Set up Direct Deposit with State Controller's Office: Discussion was made on setting up direct deposit with the State Controller's office. The forms were signed and will be submitted.

Approve Annual Performance Report: A motion to approve and submit the annual performance report to the ISWCC was made by Mark Telford, a second from Walt Johnson. Voting Aye: Walt Johnson, Todd Perkes, Mark Telford, Hayden Isham, and Randy Purser. Voting Nay: None. **Motion Approved.**

Next Meeting Date: The next board meeting will be held December 16th at 5:30 p.m. at Golden West Café.

A motion was made at 1:30 p.m. by Mark Telford to adjourn, a second was made by Hayden Isham. Voting Aye: Walt Johnson, Todd Perkes, Mark Telford, Hayden Isham, and Randy Purser. Voting Nay: None. **Motion Approved.**

BUTTE SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
Board Meeting Minutes for December 16th, 2022
Golden West Café, Arco, ID

Board Present: Randy Purser, Walt Johnson, Todd Perkes (via telephone)

Staff Present: Mindy Hawley, Stephanie Barnes, Sara Zollinger

Guests Present: Jesse Fullmer – NRCS

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Randy Purser at 7:30 p.m.

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

Treasurer's Report: Stephanie Barnes provided the monthly treasurer's report and checks to be approved and signed. A motion was made by Randy Purser to approve the treasurer's report and sign the checks, including the bill from Golden West for the Annual Meeting meal. A second was made by Walt Johnson. Voting Aye: Walt Johnson, Todd Perkes, and Randy Purser. Voting Nay: None. **Motion Approved.**

Partner Reports:

Butte SWCD Employees and Board: Mindy Hawley gave an update on the IASCD conference and the speech contest.

Sara Zollinger attended CART training in Pocatello. She has been helping with EQIP applications and finished her classes.

Stephanie Barnes gave an update on the Idaho Water Resources Board grant for the Blaine County Canal Company. She also handed out last year's annual plan of work for review before the January and/or February board meeting.

NRCS: Jesse Fullmer gave an update on NRCS activities. The EQIP sign-up one has closed and they received 97 applications. He provided an update on current pipeline project progress. The CSP deadline is coming up. No hires were made for the recent graduate position and it was turned back. They will be hiring an administrative assistant soon.

Old Business:

None.

New Business:

Board Officers: Discussion was made on board officers for 2023. A motion was made by Randy Purser to keep Randy Purser as Chairman, Mark Telford as Vice-Chairman, and Todd Perkes as Treasurer. A second was made by Walt Johnson. Voting Aye: Walt Johnson, Todd Perkes, and Randy Purser. Voting Nay: None. **Motion Approved.**

Legislative Days Attendance: Discussion was made on attending legislative days in January. Sara Zollinger will represent the District as the display day in the capitol building. The board agreed to reimburse mileage and pay for up to two hotel nights.

Next Meeting Date: The next board meeting will be held January 19th at noon at the District office in Arco.

A motion was made at 8:05 p.m. by Walt Johnson to adjourn, a second was made by Randy Purser. Voting Aye: Walt Johnson, Todd Perkes, and Randy Purser. Voting Nay: None. **Motion Approved.**