

**BUTTE SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
JANUARY BOARD MEETING AGENDA**

January 20th, 12:00 P.M.

Butte County Business Center, Arco

And via Zoom (link can be found at butteswcd.org)

APPOINT 2022 BOARD OFFICERS

CALL TO ORDER - Randy Purser, Board Chairman

APPROVE MINUTES FROM DECEMBER

TREASURER'S REPORT

MONTHLY EMPLOYEE AND PARTNER REPORTS:

Butte SWCD employees

- TA grant update
- Stephanie update

NRCS

UI Extension

ISWCC

OLD BUSINESS:

EICU BUSINESS ACCOUNT UPDATE

NEW BUSINESS:

5-YEAR PLAN AND ANNUAL PLAN OF WORK (Due March 31)

REQUEST FOR ISWCC ASSISTANCE (Due March 31)

ENVIROTHON DONATION REQUEST

NEXT MEETING DATE

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Butte Soil and Water Conservation District may hold an executive session pursuant to Idaho Code 67-2345. No formal action will be taken during this session.

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BUTTE SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
Board Meeting Minutes for December 14th, 2021
Golden West Cafe, Arco, ID

Board Present: Todd Perkes, Randy Purser, Walt Johnson

Staff Present: Mindy Hawley, Stephanie Barnes

Guests Present: David Callister – UI Extension

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Randy Purser at 7:40 p.m.

Approve Minutes: A motion was made by Walt Johnson to accept the November 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, with a second from 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 Envirothon meetings, she will be attending an in-person meeting in Pocatello. Stephanie Barnes updated the board on the cheatgrass challenge monitoring, the reports have been submitted. Discussion was made on filing with the Secretary of State as an unincorporated non-profit to meet the requirements of having a business account with East Idaho Credit Union. Stephanie will go ahead and file.

UI Extension: David Callister is serving on the Farm Stress Management Team and will be holding classes locally. One pesticide recertification class has been held and another one will be held in March. He will be involved in 4-H schools this Spring. Discussion was made on having a class to assist producers in reading soil and irrigation monitoring devices.

Old Business:

None.

New Business:

2022 LWG Recommendations: The board re-signed the local working group recommendations sheet with changes made to accommodate NRCS language and forms. A motion was made by Walt Johnson to re-sign the recommendations, a second was made by Todd Perkes. Voting Aye: Walt Johnson, Todd Perkes, and Randy Purser. Voting Nay: None. **Motion Approved.**

Letter of Intent for Butte and Custer Counties: Discussion was made on submitting letters of intent for financial support from Butte and Custer Counties. A motion was made by Walt Johnson and seconded by Todd Perkes to submit letters of intent to the counties. Voting Aye: Walt Johnson, Todd Perkes, and Randy Purser. Voting Nay: None. **Motion Approved.**

Next Meeting Date: The next board meeting will be held January 20th at noon at the Butte County Business Center in Arco.

A motion was made at 8:05 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.**

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SECTION 6: IMPLEMENTATION

FY 2022 (1/1/2022 – 12/31/202) Annual Plan of Work

Butte Soil and Water Conservation District

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Counties Served: Butte and Southern Custer

Legislative Districts 8 and 35

#35: Sen. Van Burtenshaw, Rep. Karey Hanks, Rep. Rodney Furniss

#8: Sen. Steven Thayne, Rep. Terry Gestrin, Rep. Dorothy Moon

Priority 1

Goal: Increase water quantity and improve water quality within the Butte SWCD

Technical resources: Partner agency staff

Objectives:

- Increase efficiency of irrigation water usage.
- Increase water quality of water bodies designated as impaired by the Idaho Department of Water Resources.
- Promote energy efficiency of irrigation systems.

| Actions: | Target Date: | Individual(s) Responsible |
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| Host and support informational/educational activities | January – December | Hayden Isham/ Butte SWCD staff |
| Support the recharge program within the BSWCD | January – December | Randy Purser/ Butte SWCD staff |
| Facilitate public meetings on alternatives for large scale irrigation water conservation (e.g. Pipeline, energy conservation) | January – December | Hayden Isham/ Butte SWCD staff |
| Promote proper disposal of agriculture related waste (e.g. chemical containers) | January – December | Board/Butte SWCD staff |

Priority 2:

Goal: Improve soil health and reduce erosion through the adoption of best management practices on cropland, pasture, and rangeland

Technical resources: Partner agency staff

Objectives:

- Promote and coordinate conservation programs/workshops with partner agencies
- Improve irrigated pasture management
- Improve rangeland condition and trends

| Actions: | Target Date: | Individual(s) Responsible: |
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| Promote participation in the NRCS' EQIP for technical and financial assistance | January – December | Board/Butte SWCD staff/NRCS |
| Partner with local County Weed Departments and/or U of I Extension to host a workshop addressing weeds and IPM | January – December | Todd Perkes/Butte SWCD board and staff |
| Promote control of invasive weeds and promote participation in the NRCS Cheatgrass Challenge | January – December | Walt Johnson/Butte SWCD board and staff |
| Promote development of grazing plans for producers and financially support the development of U of I Extension's Redbook | January – December | Walt Johnson/Butte SWCD board and staff |
| Promote adoption of improved hay/forage seed varieties | January – December | Mark Telford/Butte SWCD board and staff |
| Market <i>Stockmanship</i> book and work with partner agencies to promote stockmanship | January – December | Board/Butte SWCD staff |
| Support U of I Extension Pasture School with funding and outreach | January – December | Board/Butte SWCD staff |
| Promote the adoption of regenerative farming practices | January – December | Todd Perkes/Butte SWCD board and staff |

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| (e.g., no-till farming, cover crops, etc.) | | |
| Cooperate with partner agencies on predator/ wildlife nuisance issues | January – December | Walt Johnson/Butte SWCD board and staff |

Priority 3

Goal: Improve animal waste management and promote riparian area protection

Technical resources: Partner agency staff

Objectives:

- Assist producers in complying with the Clean Water Act and protect streams listed as impaired by the Idaho Department of Water Resources

| Actions: | Target Date: | Individual(s) Responsible: |
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| Promote participation in the NRCS' EQIP for technical and financial assistance | January – December | Board/Butte SWCD staff |
| Promote development of nutrient management plans for producers | January – December | Randy Purser/Butte SWCD staff |
| Promote protection and preservation of riparian areas, especially along water bodies listed as impaired for temperature by IDEQ | January – December | Randy Purser/Butte SWCD board and staff |

Priority 4

Goals: Conduct natural resources information and education activities

Technical resources: District staff/Partner agency staff

Objectives:

- Develop, present, and support youth and adult educational programs

| Actions: | Target Date: | Individual(s) Responsible: |
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| Sponsor up to three high school teams for Envirothon | January – July | Butte SWCD board |

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| Participate in NACD's 6 th grade poster contest | January - March | Butte SWCD board and staff |
| Conduct educational activities for NACD's Stewardship Week at Arco and Mackay Public Schools | January - April | Butte SWCD board and staff |
| Coordinate scholarships for 10-12 students to attend the Natural Resources Workshop | May - June | Butte SWCD board and staff |
| Coordinate annual 6 th grade Natural Resources Tour for Arco and Mackay students | September | Butte SWCD board and staff |
| Create or assist with the creation of informational activities/material that support the District's priorities | January – December | Butte SWCD board and staff |
| Promote coordination and cooperation among partner agencies | January – December | Butte SWCD board and staff |
| Participate in community fairs/events | January – December | Butte SWCD board and staff |
| Develop a quarterly District newsletter | January – December | Butte SWCD staff |

Priority 5

Goal: Effectively carry out District operations

Technical resources: Partner agency staff

Objectives:

- Increase effectiveness of supervisors carrying out the functions of the District

| Actions: | Target Date: | Individual(s) Responsible: |
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| Update or develop a Policy and Procedure Manual for Butte SWCD | July | Chairman |
| Set policy of supervisor duties | July | Chairman |
| Appoint supervisors to oversee: | July | Chairman |

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • District Operations • Financial Operations • Resource Planning and Operation • Public Outreach • Elections | | |
| Encourage meeting attendance (monthly board meetings, division meetings, IASCD Conference, other meetings as assigned) | January - December | Chairman |
| Pay membership dues to NACD, IASCD, High Country RC&D, Division VI, IDEA | January - December | Board |
| Keep informed on current conservation and environmental issues/developments | January - December | Board |
| Keep the District financially sound and responsible | January - December | Treasurer |
| Comply with Idaho's Open Meeting Law | January - December | Board |
| Notify Idaho NRCS of District priorities and host local work group meetings | January - December | Board |
| Ensure SWCD is complying with civil rights priorities | January - December | Board |
| Annually evaluate District employee performance | February | Board |

Priority 6

Goal: Promote wildlife conservation

Technical resources: Partner agency staff

Objectives:

- Enhance wildlife habitat in the Butte SWCD

| Actions: | Target Date: | Individual(s) Responsible: |
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| Encourage shelterbelt planning and application Promote tree sales held by partner Districts | January - December | Mark Telford/Butte SWCD staff |
| Encourage delayed haying to facilitate enhanced wildlife habitat | January - December | Mark Telford/Butte SWCD staff |
| Support producer participation in NRCS programs | January - December | Board |
| Encourage large- and small-scale pollinator plantings to increase available habitat for pollinator species | January - December | Board/Butte SWCD staff/NRCS |
| Promote invasive weed control and participation in the NRCS' Cheatgrass Challenge | January - December | Board/Butte SWCD staff/NRCS |
| Promote the High County RC&D Fire Resilient Private Rangelands and Sage Grouse Habitat seeding cost-share program | January - December | Board/Butte SWCD staff/NRCS |

Priority 7

Goal: Improve natural resources conservation in urban settings

Technical resources: Partner agency staff

Objectives:

- Support the adoption of natural resources conservation practices in urban settings and on small acreage farms

| Actions: | Target Date: | Individual(s) Responsible: |
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| Host informational/educational meetings about conserving natural resources on a small-scale level | January - December | Board/Butte SWCD staff/NRCS |
| Promote participation in the NRCS EQIP program to install seasonal high tunnels to lengthen the growing season and increase the amount of locally grown produce | January - December | Board/Butte SWCD staff/NRCS |