

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

September 16th, 2021 12:00 P.M.

Butte County Business Center, Arco

Conference Line: 1-346-248-7799

Meeting ID: 895 4454 4655

Passcode: 326927

CALL TO ORDER - Randy Purser, Board Chairman

APPROVE MINUTES FROM AUGUST

TREASURER'S REPORT – Frances Perkes

MONTHLY EMPLOYEE AND PARTNER REPORTS:

Butte SWCD employees

NRCS – Jesse Fullmer

UI EXTENSION – David Callister

ISWCC – Rob Sharpnack

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

6th GRADE TOUR – SEPTEMBER 23RD, 2021

NEXT MEETING DATE OCTOBER 21ST, 2021

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.

ADJOURN

BUTTE SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
Board Meeting Minutes for August 19th, 2021
Butte County Business Center, Arco, ID
and via Zoom

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

Staff Present: Stephanie Barnes

Guests Present: David Callister – UI Extension

Via Zoom: Frances Perkes – Butte SWCD, Rob Sharnack – ISWCC, Jesse Fullmer - NRCS

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Randy Purser at 10:33 a.m.

Approve Minutes: A motion was made by Todd Perkes to accept the July 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: Frances 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, Hayden Isham, and Randy Purser. Voting Nay: None. **Motion Approved.**

Monthly Reports:

Butte SWCD Employees: Stephanie updated the board on the upcoming speech contest and 6th grade tour in September. An update was given on which board members were up for election and in what year.

NRCS: Jesse Fullmer provided an update on NRCS activities. Jennifer Weathered started her soil conservationist position with the NRCS on August 1st. Interviews for the NACD TA grant position and an NRCS soil conservationist position were conducted and decisions were made for the TA grant hire. The building remodel is almost completed. COVID-19 restrictions currently in place include everyone wearing a mask inside the building and customers must have an appointment to enter the building. Pipeline projects are making progress and a few should be underway this fall. The NRCS statewide is looking at increasing some financial cost-share payments due to COVID-19. Our District had six CSP contracts covering 10,000 acres. NRCS funding for our District during FY 2021 totaled \$3.9 million. Discussion was made to review the water quality applications at a different date. The next EQIP sign-up will be announced in October.

Discussion was made on asking for an extension for the MOU between IASCD and the District for utilizing funding for engineering purposes. The agreement is set to expire September 1st.

A motion was made by Walt Johnson to ask for an extension of the IASCD agreement, a second was made by Hayden Isham. Voting Aye: Walt Johnson, Todd Perkes, Hayden Isham, and Randy Purser. Voting Nay: None. **Motion Approved.**

ISWCC: Rob Sharpnack was present via Zoom. He thanked the board for participating in the ISWCC's annual survey, 40 out of 50 Districts responded. He will have the results of the survey at the next board meeting. They are hiring a new person for the Twin Falls office. The engineering position for southeast Idaho has been flown three times, he was unsure what the candidate pool looked like this third round. The Division III board member has retired and a replacement will be appointed by the Governor. Interviews for the Administrator position have been conducted, but no decision has been made yet.

UI Extension: David Callister was present and updated the board on the status of the tillage test plots. He updated the board on the Butte County Fair. There were more student participation in market animal 4-H programs this year and the market sale went really well.

Old Business:

None

New Business:

Speech Contest: The board gave approval for holding the speech contest at the September board meeting.

IASCD Donation: The IASCD asked for a \$25 donation for their upcoming annual conference. The board expressed approval of making the donation.

Ty Drill Sale: An offer to purchase the old Ty drill for \$3,000 was received. A motion was made by Todd Perkes to approve the sale, a second was made by Walt Johnson. Voting Aye: Walt Johnson, Todd Perkes, Hayden Isham, and Randy Purser. Voting Nay: None. **Motion Approved.**

Division VI Meeting: An announcement was made that the annual Division VI meeting will be October 19th, 2021 in St. Anthony.

Antelope Migration Corridor Public Meeting: The District will host a public meeting for landowners within the antelope migration corridor in Butte County on August 25th at the Bottolfson Park in Arco. Brett Gullet with IDFG and Lara Fondow with NRCS will be on hand to discuss cost-share options and project goals.

Next Meeting Date: The next meeting will be held on Thursday, September 16th, 2021 at 12:00 a.m. at the Butte County Business Center in Arco.

A motion to adjourn was made at 11:40 a.m. by Walt Johnson, second by Hayden Isham. Voting Aye: Walt Johnson, Todd Perkes, Hayden Isham, and Randy Purser. Voting Nay: None. **Motion Approved.**



NATURAL RESOURCES ----- 6TH GRADE TOUR

SEPTEMBER 23, 2021

BIG LOST RIVER SPORTSMAN ACCESS (2 1/2 miles northwest of Mackay on Highway 93)

9:30 am - 9:45 am

Welcome and Divide into Groups

5 STATIONS

25 MINUTES EACH

1.	9:45	-----	10:10
2.	10:15	-----	10:40
3.	10:45	-----	11:10
4.	11:15	-----	11:40
5.	11:45	-----	12:10

FOREST SERVICE ----- Fish Biologist/Bart Gamett
Trout Unlimited/Cassi Wood

BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT----- Steve Wright
Archaeologist-Salmon

LOST RIVER COORDINATED WEED MANAGEMENT GROUP ----- Mark Wheeler
Butte County Noxious Weeds-Arco

NATURAL RESOUC E CONSERVATION SERVICES----- Lara Fondow
Resource Conservationist-Arco

UNIVERSITY OF IDAHO EXTENSION----- David Callister
Butte County Educator-Arco

12:30 p.m. - 1:15 p.m. ---- Lunch ---- Mackay Reservoir
(Provided by the Butte Soil and Water Conservation District)

1:30 pm

SOUTH CUSTER FIRE DISTRICT --- Randy Ivie and Ken Day