

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.**