

Adams Conservation District
118 East Main Ave., Ritzville, WA 99169
Board Meeting Minutes
October 20, 2022

Attending: Curtis Hennings, Ron Hennings, Michael Broeckel, Branden Spencer, Gary Cook;
Staff: Cara Hulce; Mike Baden (WSCC), Marika Kearsley (NRCS)

The meeting was called to order by Curtis Hennings at 7:42 p.m.

Reports from Guests/Partner Agencies/Manager

• **Mike Baden, WSCC**

- Mike shared the focus of the resolutions from the NC area meeting. Next year will be ACD's turn to host the meeting.
- Commission adopted March as conservation month. They hope that the added emphasis in March will increase exposure for CD work and elections. SCC has directed staff to work toward legislation enacting the recommendations of the Joint Committee on Elections.
- The WACD annual meeting is coming up in Wenatchee at the end of November.

• **Marika Kearsley, NRCS**

- Twenty-four CSP contract obligated, nine of which were in Adams County. They're working on getting annual payments done.
- CRP visits are wrapping up for contracts expiring in FY23.
- There's a new soil conservationist in Davenport.
- Thirty-nine EQIP applications were received and about half are for assistance on rangeland.

• **Cara Hulce, Manager**

- D. Harder's High Rocks well is done and he's requesting partial project payment for the practice. His Davin Field watering facility cost-share agreement is ready for review. Fedie's revised cost-share agreement is ready for review. Branded said he's working on getting his project installed.
- Curtis's position is up for election and Michael's is up for appointment. Michael has submitted his application for reappointment. Cara asked the board if they'd like to hold the election in March to coincide with conservation month and they said yes.
- The district's new website is adamscd.org.

Minutes: Branden moved to approve the meeting minutes for September 15, 2022. Ron seconded the motion; motion passed.

Financial Report: Michael moved to approve the financial report for September 2022 showing end balances of \$117,900.14 (money market) and \$147,933.96 (checking), and to approve checks numbered 14249 – 14252 and all ACH/EFT transactions from September 2 –

September 30, 2022. Total deductions \$9,144.47 and liability \$1,696.80. Gary seconded the motion; motion passed.

Old Business:

- The board discussed selling the pickup. Since it hasn't been in use and might not be needed any time soon, they are open to potentially selling it. Someone has inquired about purchasing it so Curtis will follow up and see if they'd like to make an offer.
- The cargo trailer sold.
- Ron suggested getting a pamphlet together about the hexprotect tiles for the CAPOW banquet on the 29th and that it might be time to share info on the tiles with other districts since they're proving to be effective so far.
- The board reviewed the monitoring proposal from Ducks Unlimited.

Branden moved to approve paying Ducks Unlimited \$6,750 for water monitoring services through June 2023. Ron seconded the motion; motion passed.

New Business:

- The board reviewed David Harder's Davin Field watering facility cost-share agreement.

Branden moved to approve Harder's Davin Field watering facility cost-share agreement. Gary seconded the motion; motion passed.

- The board reviewed Corey Fedie's windbreak cost-share agreement.

Branden moved to approve Fedie's windbreak cost-share agreement. Michael seconded the motion; motion passed.

- The board reviewed the draft equipment loan agreements and are good with them.
- Branden asked about updating the district bill board by Jake's Café. The board agreed it would be good to look into it so Branden will follow up with John Rankin.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:45pm by Curtis Hennings.

Minutes approved by: _____ Date: _____

Minutes prepared by: _____ Date: _____

The next board meeting is scheduled for November 17, 2022 at 7:30 pm.