

**Adams Conservation District**  
**118 East Main Ave., Ritzville, WA 99169**  
**Board Meeting Minutes**  
**February 16, 2023**

**Attending:** Supervisors: Ron Hennings, Michael Broeckel, Gary Cook, Branden Spencer; Staff: Cara Hulce; NRCS: Cari Roepke; WSCC: Mike Baden

**The meeting was called to order by Ron Hennings at 7:37 p.m.**

***Reports from Guests/Partner Agencies/Manager***

- **Cari Roepke, NRCS**
  - NRCS received 36 EQIP applications for Adams County and 30 for Lincoln County.
  - The local work group kick off meeting is February 24<sup>th</sup>.
  - In Adams County 13 CSP applications screened high along with 19 applications in Lincoln County.
  - CRP sign-up will be open from February 27<sup>th</sup> – April 7<sup>th</sup>.
  - NRCS is still working on getting staff since the PA and summer intern didn't work out.
  - Erik and Marika met with Harold Crose to go over the Odessa Ground Water project. It was helpful to gain a better understanding of what to expect and how they might manage assistance.
  - Hopefully some of the deferred applications can be funded through the Inflation Reduction Act funding.
- **Mike Baden, WSCC**
  - Several things to watch during the current legislative session, particularly the election and riparian restoration legislation. The Governor's bill is asking for \$10 million for TA per biennium. The funding outlook in general is good.
  - Using the CAPP checklist regional managers will be doing a preliminary CD review of good standing for districts in May and a final report to the WSCC in July. Mike has no concerns for our district except supervisors and staff are due to update their Open Government Training.
- **Cara Hulce, Manager**
  - Cara gave a breakdown of how remaining funding is allocated and all funds are anticipated to be spent by June 30<sup>th</sup>.
  - Curtis Hennings submitted a candidate form by the filing deadline, so he is the only declared candidate on the ballot. Ballots have been mailed out.

**Minutes:** Branden moved to approve the meeting minutes for January 18, 2023.  
Gary seconded the motion; motion passed.

**Financial Report:** Michael moved to approve the financial report for January 2023 showing end balances of \$117,912.05 (money market) and \$134,427.44 (checking), and to approve checks numbered 14255-14257 and all ACH/EFT transactions from January 1 – January 30,

**2023. Total deductions were \$23,925.72 and liability was \$1,775.40. Gary seconded the motion; motion passed.**

***Old Business:***

- Branden talked to John Rankin about the billboard. Branden will put a coating on the board to help reduce deterioration until Ranking can paint on the design. Rankin had shoulder surgery so probably won't be able to pain it until this summer, but will work on coming up with a design.

***New Business:***

- The board reviewed the social media draft policy.

**Gary moved to approve the social media policy. Branden seconded the motion; motion passed.**

- The district has been using Traveler's insurance for employee theft liability coverage, however, under our Enduris blanket crime coverage we do have a little employee theft coverage already. The board discussed whether to keep Traveler's insurance or increase our Enduris coverage. It was agreed that having all our insurance through one carrier would be easier and going with Enduris is a better deal.

**Michael moved to drop our Traveler's insurance and increase our Enduris blanket crime coverage to \$5,000. Gary seconded the motion; motion passed.**

**The meeting was adjourned at 8:47pm by Ron Hennings.**

Minutes approved by: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Minutes prepared by: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**The next board meeting is scheduled for March 16, 2023 at 7:30 pm.**