

Adams Conservation District
118 East Main Ave., Ritzville, WA 99169
Board Meeting Minutes
November 17, 2022

Attending: Curtis Hennings, Ron Hennings, Michael Broeckel, Gary Cook; Staff: Cara Hulce; Marika Kearsley (NRCS); Harold Crose (CBCD)

The meeting was called to order by Curtis Hennings at 7:44 p.m.

Reports from Guests/Partner Agencies/Manager

- **Harold Crose, CBCD**
 - Harold updated the board on the VSP for Adams County. They have met with producers, completed a watershed plan and are hoping to set up wildlife monitoring of shrub steppe. There will be a work group meeting in December.
 - He also discussed the Odessa Ground Water Project which plans to take 90,000 acres of irrigated farmland off ground water by irrigating from the Columbia River. They have about 10 miles of pipe installed and the system is all automated with lines going out to each farm. Engineering at each site is getting closer to being done. Harold discussed funding and work with partners to implement such a huge project.

- **Marika Kearsley, NRCS**
 - There were no eligible applications for CSP renewal.
 - CRP stand evals for those expiring in FY23 are almost done.
 - EQIP and CSP applications are running concurrently. A total of 40 EQIP applications were received, 13 are for CIG projects and 8 are ones from last year. CSP received 18 applications, 1 new and the rest are ones that didn't get funded last year.
 - In 2023 NRCS will have an all employee kick off meeting which should help introduce the new employees that have come on since the pandemic.

- **Cara Hulce, Manager**
 - D. Harder's High Rocks and Davin Field watering facilities will be installed in the spring. Fedie will finish his windbreak project in the spring. J. Harder's initial site visit is completed and his cost-share agreement is ready for approval. Spencer's well and watering facility project has been installed so Cara will work on finishing the paperwork.
 - The WACD annual conference is November 28-30th. The annual business meeting to discuss and decide resolutions and elect WACD officers is on the 30th at 9am.
 - The Sustainable Farms and Field Program is now open and accepting applications for climate smart and carbon sequestering projects. ACD plans to submit an application for Wyatt Sitton for assistance getting a no-till drill.

Minutes: Gary moved to approve the meeting minutes for October 20, 2022. Ron seconded the motion; motion passed.

Financial Report: Michael moved to approve the financial report for October 2022 showing end balances of \$117,903.14 (money market) and \$159,534.81 (checking), and to approve check 14253 and all ACH/EFT transactions from October 1 – October 31, 2022. Total deductions were \$4,685.94 and liability was \$1,739.10. Gary seconded the motion; motion passed.

Old Business:

- Curtis reported he hasn't received any calls back yet about purchasing the pickup.
- Cara said Branden talked to John Rankin about fixing up the district's billboard by Jake's Café. Rankin will put together an estimate for the board and could start work in the spring.
- The board reviewed the final Ducks Unlimited water monitoring agreement.

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

New Business:

- The board reviewed David Harder's pipeline and watering facility cost-share agreement.

Gary moved to approve John Harder's pipeline and watering facility cost-share agreement. Ron seconded the motion; motion passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:07pm by Curtis Hennings.

Minutes approved by: _____ Date: _____

Minutes prepared by: _____ Date: _____

The next board meeting is scheduled for December 15, 2022 at 7:30 pm.