

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

Attending: (Via Zoom) Curtis Hennings, Ron Hennings, Michael Broeckel, Branden Spencer;
Staff: Cara Hulce; Guests: Mike Baden, WSCC; Marika Kearsley and Eric Choker, NRCS

The meeting was called to order by Curtis Hennings at 7:46 p.m.

Reports from Guests/Partner Agencies/Manager:

- **Mike Baden, WSCC**
 - Chris Petit was appointed as the new Executive Director and will begin work in March.
 - Mike did an initial evaluation of our accountability performance under CAPP. At this time, he has no items of concern. It will be important to keep track of upcoming deadlines such as the Annual Financial report and Annual Plan of Work, both due at the end of May, as those items are included as part of CAPP. He will present an initial CAPP report to the Commission at the March Commission meeting with a final report at the July meeting.
 - Election legislature didn't go through and Ecology's stock water policy and bill didn't advance since legislators want to be involved in the stakeholder process which should start up after session.
 - An additional \$21,261 in NRI funding is available to each district.
- **Eric Choker, NRCS**
 - They're taking CSP application and ranking 32 EQIP applications for Adams Co. and 31 for Lincoln Co. They have lots to do working on field evals and new sign ups for CRP.
 - The Ritzville office is back up to 50% capacity and Davenport is at 25%.
- **Cara Hulce, Manager**
 - The Spencer and Harder projects are still waiting for wells to be drilled. Extra IM funding will plan to go towards helping David Hard install 3 wells and a watering facility before the end of June.
 - The election was completed, Ron Hennings was elected.

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

Financial Report: Michael moved to approve the financial report for January 2022 showing end balances of \$117,876.70 (money market) and \$144,579.25 (checking), and all ACH/EFT transactions from January 15, 2022 – February 9, 2022. Total deductions \$7,452.57 and liability \$1,159.71. Ron seconded the motion; motion passed.

Old Business:

- Marika said the Hexprotect trough covering is eligible under the watering facility practice. However, since the troughs have already been installed and we don't have the documentation handy for the cultural reviews, we may need to have an archaeologist review the situation. Also, since it's cheaper to buy the Hexprotect tiles in one large order instead of small orders per operator, Mike will check with SCC financial staff to see if the district can purchase a large order, then sell them to operators. Cara will follow up with AWTT to get more info on tiles and pricing.
- There was more discussion on options for funding assistance to test the effectiveness of Battalion Pro on rangeland weed management. Marika said Aaron Esser is testing it on cropland and Curtis suggested contacting Biowest Ag to see if they'd help with test plot.

New Business:

- The board reviewed the service agreement with Cascadia CD that would allow us to use their archaeologists if needed.

Branden moved to approve the service agreement with Cascadia CD. Michael seconded the motion; motion passed.

Executive Session:

- Curtis announced the board was going into executive session for an employee performance review, session would end at 9:20pm.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:25pm by Curtis Hennings.

Minutes approved by: _____ Date: _____

Minutes prepared by: _____ Date: _____

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