2023-24 Ada SWCD Budget

Fund Balance

DA Davidson Investment Account	
Local Government Investment Pool	
ICCU Checking and CD	

Fund Balance	**$**	**360,122**

Income

General

Ada County	$	60,000
ISWCC	$	64,500

Project-funded

Avimor	$	5,000
No-till Drills	$	5,000
Partners for Clean Water - student education	$	1,000
Harvest and Hearth (sponsors and fees)	$	30,000
Treasure Valley Pollinator Project	$	23,000
NRCS agreement - innovation farm	$	69,789
NRCS agreement - soil health	$	50,000
Subtotal	*$*	*308,289*

Total Funds Available	**$**	**668,411**

Expenses

General

Office and Storage	$	5,000
Insurance	$	2,900
Dues	$	2,900
Professional Fees	$	6,000
Conferences, Div III Meeting	$	8,000
Mileage - Board	$	2,000

Staff

District Manager	$	57,000
Program Coordinator	$	38,000
Soil Education and Outreach	$	45,000
Admin	$	26,000

Programs

Avimor	$	5,000
No-till Drills	$	2,000
Natural Resources Camp	$	1,400
Envirothon	$	1,000
Poster/Speech Contest	$	600
ACC Grant	$	30,000
Innovation Farm	$	52,015
Harvest and Hearth	$	35,000
Treasure Valley Pollinator Project	$	35,000
Soil Outreach - soil health presentations/mileage	$	7,600
Public Outreach - water conservation	$	5,000
Project Funds	$	300,996

Total Expenditures	**$**	**668,411**

Ada Soil & Water Conservation District

Board Meeting of June 9, 2023 9:00 am
Location: NRCS State Office - 9173 W. Barnes Dr. Boise, ID 83709

Supervisors: *Mike Pellant (Chairman), Lynn McKee (Vice Chairman), Kent Foster (Treasurer), Paul Calverley (Supervisor), Joan Cloonan (Supervisor), David Anderson (Supervisor), Casey O'Leary (Supervisor)*
District Staff: *Josie Erskine (District Manager), Jessica Harrold (Program Coordinator), Crystal Davidson (Educator)*
Guests: *Tate Walters (NRCS), Joe Peterson (ISWCC), Jenna Ditzel (ISWCC)*

Mike called the meeting to order at 8:57 am.

Minutes

The minutes from the May meeting were sent out to Board supervisors for review. Kent pointed out a correction under Joe Peterson's report that the information should be changed from national to state funds. Kent moved to approve the May minutes with the suggested corrections. Paul seconded. All in favor; motion passed.

Financial Report

Kent reviewed the financial report listing bills and invoices. Paul moved to approve the financial report and pay the bills. Joan seconded. All in favor; motion passed.

2023 Fiscal Year Budget

Jess reviewed the proposed fiscal year budget. She clarified differences between last year's budget and the proposed budget for 2023. Two main corrections suggested for the proposed budget are to add the WQPA funds as income and increase the Avimoor budget to reflect the kiosk expense and Zoe's consultation. Lynn moved to approve the 2024 fiscal year budget with the proposed changes. Joan seconded. All in favor; motion passed.

Manager's Report – Josie Erskine

Josie and David attended the Water Summit and reported on key takeaways from the presentations. Presenters shared current projects to develop models and monitoring systems of waterways and groundwater in the Treasure Valley to better understand incidental aquifer recharge and groundwater flows. There may be opportunities for AdaSWCD to get involved in supporting these projects.

Based on recent conversations, Josie feels there is a need for valley-wide agricultural land preservation education designed for those in leadership and planning positions.

Kyle Rooks has stepped down from his position at IASCD. Kyle and Wendy reached out to Josie and asked if the Ada District could provide administrative support during the transition. They think it will take 3 months to fill Kyle's position and hire an additional person to supervise the Climate Smart grant. The district would work out the time frame and reimbursement for staff time with IASCD. Joan moved to have Josie go ahead with negotiations with the IASCD, Lynn seconded. All in favor; motion passed.

Program Report - Jessica Harrold

Our partnership with NRCS to fund the education program is moving forward. It not only funds the educator position and soil health education program, but it provides funds for professional development and some consulting to producers. The partnership also includes water conservation program funding and field days for urban agriculture. We will work with Tate to design something to address the questions associated with urban agriculture NRCS receives.

Josie, Casey, and Jess met to work out panels and workshops for next year's Harvest and Hearth. They are planning for the Riverside Hotel for the main event, the Basque Center for the night before, and Peaceful Belly for farm workshops the following day. Douglas Tallamy, author of Nature's Best Hope, responded to an email request to be the keynote speaker. His speaking fee is $5000 plus travel and accommodations with an additional $1500 to speak at the Soil Health Symposium if his presentation aligns with their goals and content.

Jess is holding an interview next Wednesday for the administrative position. She is hopeful the candidate will be a good fit for the district.

Jennifer Hopwood from the Xerces Society is doing the final beetle presentation as part of the Lunch and Learn series for the Pollinator Project.

NRCS Report - Tate Walters

Jessica Wells will be here for 4 months as the acting area conservationist.

The NRCS Chief will be here next week. All board members are invited for lunch on June 15 at Peaceful Belly for the Chief's visit. Tate will take the Chief on several farm tours in the valley.

There are two open positions in the Caldwell office. Tate is holding interviews.

The local working group meeting is reserved for October 17.

ISWCC Report - Joe Peterson

WQPA received 80 proposals this year for an ask of 8.3 million. This is less than requests made in 2022. It looks like all first priority proposals will be funded and potentially some secondary proposals. Commissioners meet June 22 to make decisions about projects to receive funding. The annual district survey is due July 31 and the annual match report is coming up August 16.

Kent made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Paul seconded the motion. All in favor; motion passed.

Action Items

- The Board voted to approve the May minutes.
- The Board voted to approve the financial report and pay the bills.
- The Board approved the FY 2024 Budget.
- The Board voted to allow Josie to move forward with negotiations with IASCD.
- The Board voted to adjourn the meeting at 10:56 am.

The Board adjourned at 10:56 am.

Next Board Meeting: Friday, July 14, 2023 at 9:00 am

Minutes prepared by Crystal Davidson