Custer Soil and Water Conservation District
Board Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, February 7th, 3:00 p.m. - Meeting Minutes

Call Meeting to Order: The meeting was called to order at 3:09. Members present were Wayne Baker, Dale Olson, Tori O'Neal. Members absent and excused Julia Piva and Ryan Hughes. Rosana Rieth, NRCS; Jake Connelley, ISWCC (via teams) and Karma Bragg, Custer SWCD were also present.

Financial Reports and Bills – "Action Item"
It was moved by Tori O'Neal, seconded by Dale Olson, to approve the financial reports as mailed and the bills as presented. Motion carried.

Budge Augment – To add new project funding "Action Item"
It was moved by Dale Olson, seconded by Tori O'Neal, to approve the budget as presented to add the new PSCRF and de-obligate the funds unused in the BPA contracts that expired in December and attach budget augment to the permanent minutes with total income and expenditures $1,006,215.00. Motion carried.

Minutes – "Action Item"
It was moved by Tori O'Neal, seconded by Dale Olson, to approve the minutes as mailed. Motion carried.

Partners Reports:
NRCS – Rosana Rieth: Rosana stated that holding the Town Hall meeting ahead of NRCS sign up for CSP is helpful. Rosana expressed appreciation for the effort that is going into the Town Hall Meeting. She presented the SnowTel report by providing copies to the board and said the snow is still below average in the basin.

ISWCC – Jake Connelley – Jake reviewed the status of the WQPA. It appears to be funded by the Legislature for a million this year, down from five million the last two years. Since the amount will be less, this year the priorities may change. It will be more competitive. The board inquired if WQPA could be used to purchase of a no-till drill. Jake will check into the question. Jake thanked Tori for her help with the Town Hall meeting in the Division 4 area. He reported that the Idaho Water board has a flood management grant with a 50% cost share. They are open until June 2nd and may be available for projects in the area.

New Business:
Town Hall Meeting: The Town Hall Meeting will be held February 23rd, 2024 at the Legion Hall from 11:00 to 2:00. Karma provided a draft agenda.

No Till Drill –Jefferson SWCD has a no till drill and the board may consider purchasing it. It is $30,000. Dale suggested working on WQPA and ask if Jefferson would hold it.

Ag Week – March 20th Challis Elementary and March 19th Stanley School. The Ag Breakfast will be held on March 21st. The board were at a consensus to host the breakfast.

IASCD Division VI Meeting – The tentative date will be April 11, 2024 and hosted by the Custer SWCD.

IASCD 2024 Conference: This event will be hosted by Division VI they will have a planning meeting February 21 in Idaho Falls. Karma plans to attend and Tori will attend if possible.

Project manager position – Karma will begin working on documents for this position. She provided a copy of the current job description.

Old Business:
Legislative Social – Boise January 15, 2024 – Tori attended this event and said it went well and was a good event. She supported the one day at the social and said there was good access to legislators. She said the display was very helpful in discussions with legislators on WQPA.

Annual and 5 Year Plan – "Action Item" *It was moved by Tori O'Neal, seconded by Dale Olson, to approve plan with edits/typo that were noted by Wayne Baker on Page 15 and authorize Wayne to sign the Certification form. Motion carried.*

General Election – Karma noted that 3 positions are open for the November election for the board. Petitions due September 1, 2024. Any member not running should be helping find a replacement. New legislation put forth to the legislature will require the board fill vacant positions within 90 days or the Governor will appoint the board member. This language may be modified.

Project Updates:
Habitat Contract
Pole Creek, Road Creek #2, Warm Springs, Morgan Creek are all in various staged of progress. The Morgan Creek project is pending EQIP.

It was moved by Tori, seconded by Dale Olson, to approve the Farr Fence Contract with Lazy Land and Livestock, Inc. for $37,000. The stock-water will be added later as an addendum once costs are established by EQIP. Motion carried.

PCSRF – Proposals "Action Item" – All project that were presented by the Custer SWCD were funded by PCSRF. *It was moved by Tori O'Neal, seconded by Dale Olson, to approve the Farr Salmon River PCSRF Contract – Fencing, the PCSRF Contract for Engineering, Road Creek #2 for a bridge, PCSRF Knapp Creek - PCSRF Contract for Engineering and the Warm Springs - PCSRF Contract for a bridge including the financial line items listed in the budget that was augmented (above) and is attached to the minutes. Motion carried.*

Plan for Next Meeting: The next board meeting will be held as needed to pay bills as the Town Hall meeting is coming up and includes board members. The regular April meeting would be the same day as the division meeting so that date is also pending. Karma will work with the board on the next meeting date if one is needed.

The meeting was Adjourned at 4:45.

Respectfully submitted by Karma Bragg

Approved by Dale Olson

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Profit & Loss Budget Overview 2023_2024
July 2023 through June 2024

	Jul '23 - Jun 24
Ordinary Income/Expense	
Income	
Scholarship Income	$ 1,500.00
Donation General Conservation	$ 300.00
Administrative Reimbursement	$ 6,300.00
County Appropriations	$ 6,000.00
Equipment Rental	$ 1,800.00
Interest Income	$ 20.00
Dividend Income	$ 1,225.00
Funds Transfer for Conservation	$ 5,600.00
State Appropriation Match	$ 8,600.00
Base Funding	$ 14,500.00
Total Income	$ 45,845.00
Project Income	
WQPA Project	$ 146,543.00
BPA Pahsimeroi	$ 30,389.50
BPA Habitat 2024	$ 238,500.00
BPA Habitat 2023	$ 209,341.63
BOR Project	$ 25,912.59
Project Payroll	$ 61,488.00
Wetland Mitgation	$ 3,300.00
PCSRF - Knapp	$ 30,250.00
PCSRF - Salmon River	$ 82,940.00
PCSRF - Wamr Springs	$ 87,554.00
PSCRF -Road 2	$ 44,151.00
	$ 960,369.72
Total Income Project and District	**$ 1,006,214.72**
Expense	
Scholarship	$ 1,500.00
Audit	$ 1,800.00
District Employee Travel	$ 1,900.00
Dues	$ 3,325.00
Insurance	$ 600.00
Office Equipment Purchase	$ 1,225.00
Office Supplies	$ 1,600.00
Payroll Expenses	$ 18,000.00
Public Outreach	$ 3,195.00
Rent Expense	$ 8,800.00
Supervisors Travel	$ 2,000.00
Utilities	$ 800.00
Workman's Comp	$ 1,100.00
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