

**Adams Conservation District**  
**118 East Main Ave., Ritzville, WA 99169**  
**Board Meeting Minutes**  
**January 21, 2021**

**Attending:** (Via Zoom) Curtis Hennings, Ron Hennings, Michael Broeckel, Rob Dewald, Gary Cook; Staff: Cara Hulce; Guests: Mike Baden (WSCC), Cari Roepke (NRCS), Jerry Snyder (Landowner)

**The meeting was called to order by Curtis Hennings at 7:41 p.m.**

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

- **Jerry Snyder, Landowner**
  - Jerry presented 3 possible solutions for recognizing ash deposition in NRCS programs. He plans to reach out to other local groups and agencies for support in his endeavor to get changes made to the soils lists and programs. Jerry would like ACD to write a letter of support.
- **Mike Baden, WSCC**
  - Mike said next biennium funding continues to look hopeful. Due to COVID public meetings still aren't allowed. He provided advise on our election to make sure we're meeting all requirements. Mike also answered questions about the districts funding reserve.
- **Cari Roepke, NRCS**
  - Cari said the planner will be starting in Ritzville soon and two direct hire positions will be opening up. Due to COVID visitors are still not allowed in the office. There were 55 CSP applications in Adams Co., they're working on EQIP applications now, and they have a big CRP workload.
- **Cara Hulce, Manager**
  - Cara updated the board on election progress. It sounds like Hans Hennings's watering facility project should be wrapping up soon and she'll follow up with Schell to make sure implementation gets underway on his windbreak. Harder/Hennings are working on a grazing and project plan for property by Cow Creek and hopefully there will be enough time to get a project installed with our IM – Salmon funding before the end of June. There's interest in getting drone footage of the effectiveness of water diversion on Curtis's Cow Creek property.

**Minutes:** Ron moved to approve the meeting minutes for December 17, 2020. Michael seconded the motion; motion passed.

**Financial Report:** Michael moved to approve the financial report for December 2020 showing end balances of \$116,838.43 (money market) and \$134,625.18 (checking), and to approve checks numbered 14145 - 14149 and all ACH/EFT transactions from December 18, 2020 – January 21, 2021. Total deductions \$5,321.84 and liability \$1,332.16. Ron seconded the motion; motion passed.

**Old Business:**

- There was discussion about supporting Jerry's efforts to get areas of high ash deposition recognized in the soils list and NRCS funding assistance programs. Cari suggested Jerry bring the issue to the local work group and if this issue pertains to other counties get their support as well and consider involving FSA.

**Gary moved to have the board write a letter to NRCS & FSA supporting Jerry Snyder's efforts to recognize areas of high ash deposition in NRCS programs. Michael seconded the motion; motion passed.** The board requests that Jerry also take this issue to the local work group.

- Since we received the second half of our IM funding, the board discussed paying Ducks Unlimited to continue water monitoring as planned.

**Gary moved to pay Ducks Unlimited up to \$5,500 for continued water monitoring on Cow Creek. Michael seconded the motion; motion passed.**

**New Business:**

- Cara asked the board to review the district's Benefits policy to verify her eligibility to continue to receive the medical coverage stipend. The board discussed the benefits policy and were in consensus that she could continue to receive the stipend since her reduced hours are due to current health issues, not by choice or because of poor performance. Cara plans to return to full hours as soon as her health allows. After talking to Account Sense we learned that tax law regarding medical coverage has changed, so Cara will update the policy accordingly.

**The meeting was adjourned at 9:05 p.m. by Curtis Hennings.**

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

Minutes prepared by:           *Cara Hulce*           Date:           2-25-2021          

**The next board meeting is scheduled for February 25, 2021 via Zoom at 7:30 pm.**