

Monthly Board Meeting

March 11th, 2025

CALL TO ORDER: **8:00 AM.**

APPROVAL OF: February 11th, 2025 Minutes

TREASURER'S REPORT: Feb 12- March 11, 2025.

NRCS REPORT:

- Monthly Report

COMMISSION REPORT:

- District Digest

OLD BUSINESS:

- Internal Audit
- Election

NEW BUSINESS:

- Open Government Training
- Grant Deadlines
- Automatic Payment for Verizon
- Annual Work Plan

GRADER REPORT:

- Tire

ENGINEER:

OTHER BUSINESS:

REVIEW OF MOTIONS:

ADJOURN: Next meeting: April 8, 2025 @ 8:00 AM.



Pomeroy Conservation District

Mar 11, 2025

The monthly meeting of the Pomeroy Conservation District was called to order by Mike Hastings at 8:00 a.m. Supervisor's present were Mike Hastings, Seth Claassen, Luke Ledgerwood and Scott Williams. Lance Frederick, Briana Kimbe, and Mitch Ruchert, were also present. Beau Blachly phoned in from Boise.

The minutes of the Feb 11, 2025 meeting were read.

Scott moved and Seth seconded to approve the Feb 11, 2025 minutes. Motion carried.

The treasurer's report was reviewed.

Scott moved with Luke seconding to approve the Feb 12 thru Mar 11, 2025 treasurer's report and pay the vouchered bills 12799 through 12822, including 12763, 9 EFT and 7 deposits for a total of \$70,070.74 Motion carried.

NRCS REPORT: Mitch spoke on how EQIP preapprovals were being worked on by Rick Stauty and himself. IRA funds remain frozen, and continued use is in question. Word is that they are honoring pre-selected contracts. Not much has changed since last month. Continued concern with the new administration and possible loss of the Inflation Reduction Act which could affect CSP applications/obligations. Mitch says they are chipping away at CSP application and current contracts. Currently there is a possible government shutdown beginning this Friday. Luke asked if the freeze is affecting us locally? Lance responded with Sustainable Farms and Fields as an area, however, we have not been funded for this grant with the several applications that have been submitted by the Pomeroy CD. Things such as no till drill and manure spreaders have been funded to other CD's for example. Lance continues to check the WACD website and emails: from Thompson the director, for any further updates. The Implementation and Professional Engineering grants are currently being looked at with the possibility of decreased funding. Mike asked about the Farm Bill vs. IRA funding and how things are funded. Mitch responded by saying it depends on the practice and that he wasn't sure who makes the list as to where practices are placed. Lance mentioned that the Climate Smart Practices are currently under review.

CREP:

None at this time.

COMMISSION: District Digest (see attached)

OLD BUSINESS:

Internal Audit-Lance has been working on the internal audit. The paperwork is ready to go, and we will hold the audit to follow the board meeting.

Elections- Elections were held last month. An official congratulation to Seth is in the works with the commission. Thank you to all of our board members and acknowledgment of appreciation for all they do for the CD was voiced by Lance.

NEW BUSINESS shared by Lance

Open Government Training- Beau completed his form stack online for his position of appointment. Luke and Seth both completed the open government training. Scott was looking into it.

Grant deadline- Lance spoke that we are nearing our deadline for the fiscal year. He returned \$12,000 in technical assistance funding to the Riparian Grant. Shana spoke with Lance and was pleased with how far he had stretched the NRI Grant. Now is the time to start thinking about other projects the board would like to see moving forward. Gary is currently getting another list of his needs regarding the PE grant and funds remaining there. Things are looking good with the deadline near.

Auto payment for Verizon- Lance shared that with the new charges for the business cell phone it would be most efficiently paid by auto payment as well as save us from extra fees.

Scott moved and Seth seconded to approve payment of the Verizon bill with auto payment. Motion carried.

Annual Work Plan- This plan is due at the end of May with all future plans for NRI, VSP and Implementation for example. Lance plans to wait until the new funding details are released to know what we are working with for this plan.

Grader Report by Lance:

Lance spoke with Drew about changing the tire this week. Jay worked on Friday at Bingman's and now the grader is parked at the Grain Growers lot across from Four Star Supply. Several field roads are in need of work after the flooding a few weeks ago.

Engineering: Gary continues to work hard and has been working some overtime.

OTHER Business: Mike brought up our next meeting and time suggestions. It was agreed that we stick with the 8 am meeting time with the possibility of changing it to an evening meeting once looking at weather predictions closer to the time. Lance said we need at least 24 hours' notice in order to pull off a time change.

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There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:50 a.m. The next meeting will be held April 8th, 2025 at 8:00 A.M.

Office Manager,
Briana Kimble

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Board Chairman,
Mike Hastings

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