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Board Meetings: 1st Tuesday, 7 p.m.

Top 5 District Priorities:

1. District Operations
2. Public Outreach
3. Water Quality & Quantity
4. Pasture & Hay Land
5. Rangelands

FY 2019 Revenue

State	\$ 19,983
Adams County	\$ 4,000
City of Council	\$ 500

BOARD MEMBERS

Julie Burkhardt, Chairman
Wendy Green, Vice-chair
Kris Stone, Supervisor
Hannah Dahl, Admin. Assistant

From the Chair

2019 was a rebuilding year for Adams SWCD. Kris Stone joined the board in March and Dean Dryden resigned in August. We continue to try to recruit two persons to fill vacant board seats. Our most recent 319 sub-grant wrapped up in late 2018. We intend to apply for another grant in 2020 to assist landowners with needed river restoration. For more on plans for 2020, please see page 2.

Council Education Resource Crew

CERC provides an opportunity for local high school students to gain work experience and a paycheck while learning about natural resources and engaging in worthwhile projects. This year, the District helped fund CERC for about three days of its summer field season. During that time, the students joined Adams SWCD supervisors to learn planting techniques for stream restoration. The students then used these new skills to plant hundreds of willows on the main Weiser River at one of the streambank restoration sites damaged by high flows. They spent nearly two days cutting willows on site and transplanting them on vulnerable banks. This crew is funded by grants through the US Forest Service in addition to funding from ASWCD.



Members of the Council Education Resource Crew use the District's waterjet stinger to plant willows in a riparian zone on the Little Weiser River in summer 2019.

Landowner Assistance

The aftermath of the spring flooding brought requests from several landowners for help. We are also hearing from landowners who took matters into their own hands and later found they needed assistance after the fact. After each of these high water events, more landowners become aware of the resources offered by the District. That's something we can build on.

Soil Health Symposium

ASWCD continues to support the annual Soil Health Symposium that marked its tenth year in February 2019. Our key contribution is a feature article in our quarterly newsletter promoting the event that is sponsored by Payette, Canyon and Malheur Districts, NRCS and other partners. We also administer a capacity grant that contributes funding for the symposium that attracts more than one hundred attendees each year.

Before the Blaze, After the Ash

In April, the District sponsored a presentation on how to reduce the risk of wildfire in the Highway 95 corridor. More than two dozen area fire district officials, county commissioners from Adams and Washington counties, and representatives from Idaho Power, Idaho Transportation Department, and state and federal land management agencies attended the event in Council. Mike Pellant, range consultant and retired BLM range conservationist, presented methods for mitigating wildfires risk and recovering after fire.



In August 2018, the Mesa Fire burned 34,719 acres in Adams County. Like many wildfires in our District, it was sparked by a vehicle on Highway 95 south of Council.

Accomplishments and Outreach

- Administered the cost-share funding from the Idaho State Department of Agriculture for the Adams Cooperative Weed Management Area.
- Awarded our first \$1000 college scholarship to a local student studying agriculture or natural resource issues at an accredited institution. We were so impressed with the recipient, Hannah Dahl of Council, a student at Treasure Valley Community College, that we later hired her as our new administrative assistant!
- Wrote and distributed newsletters highlighting local conservation and landowner accomplishments and opportunities.
- Participated in the Payette Forest Coalition.
- Maintained a website and Facebook page about District activities and services (www.adamsconservationdistrict.org).

Looking ahead to 2020

The District remains committed to public information and education. The board supports 4-H by contributing to the local add-on fund. We support our local noxious weed tour, Idaho Envirothon, the Forestry Contest, Ag in the Classroom, Rangeland Skillathon and U of I Natural Resources Camp.

Adams SWCD will co-sponsor the annual Soil Health Symposium with the Payette SWCD and other conservation districts in February 2020.

Adams SWCD will continue to reach out to and educate landowners through newsletters, workshops, social media, local newspaper and other means to identify resource concerns and encourage voluntary resource conservation.

Other plans for 2020 include:

- Participating in a new Little Salmon Watershed Advisory Group
- Sponsoring a workshop on beaver dam analogs for local landowners
- Offering two \$1000 scholarships to local students
- Supporting rangeland education events
- Assisting area landowners with technical and cost-share resources

**IDAHO SOIL & WATER
CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

**PERFORMANCE
REPORT
CERTIFICATION**

DISTRICT: Adams SWCD

FOR YEAR:

2019

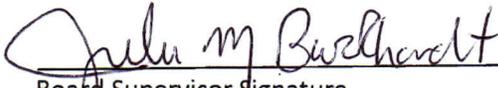
DUE :

2019
December 20,

CERTIFICATION

On behalf of my local Board of Supervisors, I hereby certify that the attached Performance Report is true and accurate, and further submit said Report for the above named District and fiscal year.

A copy of this Performance Report shall be kept at the District office and is available for public inspection.



Board Supervisor Signature

Julie Burkhardt

Printed Name

11/11/2019

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