



Wasco County Soil and Water Conservation District Special Board Meeting Minutes – June 26, 2023

Directors: Ken Bailey Bob Krein
Phil Kaser Shawn Sorensen

Directors Absent: Bill Hammel Stan Shephard Larry Powell

Staff: Shilah Olson

1:10 PM Call to Order

Bob called the meeting to order and asked if there were any additions to the agenda. Conservation Plan Review & Approval was added.

Action Items

a. Authorizing signers for CD at First Interstate Bank – Shilah reported that First Interstate Bank was offering a special rate of 5.05% on 7-month CDs through June 30th, hence the need for a special meeting. The bank needs minutes authorizing signers. Current authorized signers on our other accounts are Bill Hammel (Chair), Shawn Sorensen (Treasurer), and Shilah Olson (District Manager). Discussion ensued. Ken suggested that all district bank accounts should be updated to include Bob Krein (Vice-Chair), making all district officers authorized signers. The board agreed, but also recognized the time-sensitivity of the special rate and decided we should move quickly to take advantage of it. *Ken moved to open a 7-month CD at First Interstate Bank at the special rate of 5.05% interest with the previously approved \$200,000, naming Shilah Olson (District Manager) and Shawn Sorensen (Treasurer) as authorized signers since they are available to sign this week, noting that the board would also add Bill Hammel (Chair) and Bob Krein (Vice-Chair) if the bank will allow their names to be added later; Phil seconded. Motion carried unanimously.*

b. Conservation Plan Review & Approval – Bob Reported that he had signed two CRP plans for FSA on behalf of the board. One was a plan revision for Blaine Carver and the other was a name change since Neal Harth passed away. *Phil moved to approve the CRP plans that Bob signed; Shawn seconded. Motion carried unanimously.*

Updates

a. Next Meeting - The next regular meeting is scheduled for July 5, 2023, at 1:00 PM, at the USDA Service Center and via Zoom. Shilah noted that 3 board members had already mentioned they won't be able to attend. She'll poll the remaining 4 board members to ensure we'll have a quorum. If not, we will reschedule the meeting. Shilah also reminded the board that we'll have a joint summer celebration with WyEast on July 20th at 4:00 pm.

Adjourned: 1:15 PM

Shilah Olson