



*The Dirt is intended to provide a monthly summary of recent activities and inform you of upcoming events and important information. We have other mailing lists that target specific land uses or topics and communications are sent throughout the year. If you are interested in receiving additional information from ACCD, please contact us at [info@asotincd.org](mailto:info@asotincd.org) or 509-552-8117.*

❖ **NEW EMPLOYEE**

My name is Klara McKay. I was born and raised in Missoula, MT. When I was nine, my family started a small farm with a few animals for 4-H, which quickly grew into the largest Gotland sheep flock in the country (granted it was only around 150). I have always loved animals and from a young age have known that I wanted my profession to include them. This, combined with a Montana-bred love for the outdoors, inspired me to study wildlife. I am currently an undergraduate at the University of Idaho graduating this May with a dual degree in Wildlife Resources and Ecology & Conservation Biology as well as a certificate in GIS. My most challenging wildlife-related job was interning at a wildlife rehabilitation facility, which required long hours and a steep learning curve of the health requirements of multiple species. One of my favorite jobs ever was capturing and collaring fawns for a graduate student's research. This semester I am finishing up my undergraduate thesis studying bats using acoustic monitors. I am thrilled for the opportunity to join this team at ACCD and work with the Bighorn Sheep Health Program. I look forward to getting to know everyone!



- Cheers! Klara

❖ **BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ELECTIONS**

We are looking for a volunteer to join our board of supervisor team. If you would like more information regarding the roles and responsibilities of a supervisor, please contact Megan at [megan@asotincd.org](mailto:megan@asotincd.org) or 509-552-8100. The ACCD board adopted the election resolution at the January 5, 2023 board meeting. Please contact Jennifer, Election Supervisor, for more information on the process to be a candidate listed on the election ballot.

Election Resolution:

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors of the Asotin County Conservation District operates under the laws of the State of Washington applicable to conservation districts.

WHEREAS the District is governed by a five-member board, as set out in RCW Chapter 89.08 and WAC Section 135-110.

**It is resolved that a poll-site election for an open position on the District board of supervisors will be held on Wednesday, March 23, 2023, from 2:30pm until 7:30pm at the Asotin County Conservation office located at 1397 Port Drive, Clarkston, WA 99403.**

The elected position whose term is expiring in May 2023 is currently held by Kelsey Crawford. The new term will commence May 2023 and expire in 2026.

The appointed position whose term is expiring in May 2023 is currently held by Jerry Hendrickson. The new term will commence May 2023 and expire May 2026.

Interested candidates must be registered voters who reside within the boundaries of the District. Candidates may be required to be landowners or operators of a farm, depending on the current composition of the District board of Supervisors. The filing deadline for candidates to file their candidate information is February 17, 2023, no later than 4:00pm. Interested candidates must file their candidate information at the Districts office at 1397 Port drive, Clarkston, WA.

Eligible voters are registered voters who reside within the boundaries of the District. The last day and time that voter can request absentee ballots from the District is March 2, 2023, by 4:30pm. Absentee ballots can be requested from Asotin County Conservation District staff located at 1397 Port Drive, Clarkston, WA (509)552-8117.

A conservation district supervisor is a public official who serves without compensation and who sets policy and direction for the conservation district. The published election procedures can be viewed at the District office and are available from the Washington State Conservation Commission at <http://scc.wa.gov/>.

Adopted at a regular board meeting of the District Board of Supervisors on January 5, 2023.

By: Jennifer Zipse, Election Supervisor

Dated this 5th day of January 2023

**Please Note: future election information will be posted ONLY on the Asotin County Conservation Districts' web site ([www.asotincd.org](http://www.asotincd.org))**

❖ **WCC CREW IS HIRING**

The hiring period WA Conservation Corp (WCC) for quarter-term enrollment starts in April for a start date of June 12<sup>th</sup>.

This crew will serve with the Asotin County Conservation District based out of Clarkston, WA, and will meet in Clarkston daily. Project sites will be located in Asotin and Whitman Counties. Typical projects include large woody debris installation, in-stream restoration, forest health thinning, invasive plant control, project monitoring and other restoration projects. The crew may utilize rigging equipment and chainsaws on some projects. *Must be \*18-25 years old.*

Learn more and apply: [www.ecology.wa.gov/wcc](http://www.ecology.wa.gov/wcc)

❖ **BIO-CONTROL REQUESTS**

The District is excited to offer biological control agents for noxious weed control. Biological control agents are intended for large and well-established infestations of noxious weeds as a long-term management strategy. Biological controls for yellow star thistle, rush skeletonweed, poison hemlock, and puncturevine will be available for order. If you are interested in receiving biological control agents, contact Kodie Wight at (509) 552-8119 or [kodie@asotincd.org](mailto:kodie@asotincd.org).

❖ **COVER CROP COST SHARE**

The District has the opportunity to apply for funds from the State's Sustainable Farms and Fields program to plant cover crops this spring. If you interested in planting a cover crop this spring, please email [brad@asotincd.org](mailto:brad@asotincd.org) or call at 509-552-8121. We have until January 23<sup>rd</sup> to apply, so it is a quick turnaround!

**UPCOMING DATES**

- **ACCD Monthly Board Meeting: *February 9<sup>th</sup> at 12pm***
- **ACNWCB (Noxious Weed) Board Meeting: *February 21<sup>st</sup> at 6pm***

**FUN FACT!**

Rainbow trout have been introduced to every continent except Antarctica.



Rainbow Trout eggs for the Salmon in the Classroom educational program.