Minidoka Soil and Water Conservation District

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Minutes of meeting held 13 August 2025 in the conference room at 98 South 200 West Rupert

Attending: Dusty Wilkins Chairman, Luke Stevenson Vice Chairman, Lance Lovell Treasurer, and on the phone was Jeff Schow Supervisor, Carolyn Firth ISWCD, David Mabey NRCS, Sharon Hardy Admin.,

Chairman Dusty called the meeting to order at 12:20 p.m.

Minutes or the previous meeting held July 9th were approved with a motion by Luke, second by Jeff - motion carried

Financial report was presented with discussion that the CD is maturing the first part of September and if the rates are near the current rate for Sharon to roll it for the next year or best term, along with approval of the bills to be paid. Motion to do so by Lance with a second by Luke, - motion carried.
The financial and Match report was approved with a motion for Dusty to sign it made by Luke, second by Jeff, - motion carried.
The final budget for FY25 was reviewed with a motion to approve it by Jeff second by Luke - motion carried.

Due to no quorum in June, and Anniversary luncheon in July, the final budget for FY 24 was not approved. So, a motion to approve that final budget was made by Jeff with a second by Luke – motion carried
The final budget for FY 25 was reviewed with a motion to approve it by Jeff with a second by Luke – motion carried.
The proposed budget for FY26 was reviewed with a motion to approve it by Luke second by Lance - motion carried

Reports on Project Committee and Local Working group: the Moisture monitor project is dwindling, the consensus is the bad part is the ongoing subscription fee; The good thing is that there has been a water and electricity savings. Due to turnover in staff for Soil Tech the communications have been very lacking. We understand there is a new local tech guy, William Harrison who can be reached 208 650 9368

The Local Working Group met early this year- this has plus and minus benefits, A lot of those who might participate are busy with summer activities – farming- and not sure what projects are completed and how they went. But maybe having the meeting in March could put the programs ahead of the game with the knowledge of what funding could be available. There may be a rebranding of IRA (inflation reduction act) money. The group also asked about the possibility of a 4- or 5-year plan, so there is not a need for a yearly meeting.

Community Conservation Class for September 9th will be drought tolerant and Firewise plantings it will be held at CSI in Burley

Poster and speech contest is coming up the theme is Home is Where the Habitat is. The posters will be handed out the end of September and picked up mid-October, the Speech contest will be Nov. 4th
Mid Snake RC&D meeting will be September 19th Sharon will be on vacation September 30- October 3rd
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Land Judging will be October 7th and 8th somewhere in the area.

There will not be a September or October board meeting due to harvest commitments The board was asked their thoughts on a zoom for Division mtg? The concern was items needing to be discussed are difficult on zoom, and the speech contest would not be the best conditions for our youth to present, and how would the poster contest be conducted. Right now, there is a big concern with the possible combining of ISWCC and IDWR - (the Commission and soil districts would fall under Idaho department of water resources.). They would prefer the Division meeting be the end of October -not the 30th or 31st, and in person.

There were no supervisor reports

Agency reports:
NRCS – David reported that employees can move laterally, just not up, the hiring freeze should be lifted hopefully in November. Eqip deadline is first of October. With possible solar power wheel lines, soft start pumps, and there could be CRP for emergency projects.
IWSCD- Carolyn brought multiple CRP project contracts for the Soil and Water Conservation District to sign.

Meeting adjourned 2:20 p.m.
Respectfully submitted by Sharon Hardy

Minidoka SWCD.	Proposed FY24	Actual FY 24
INCOME		
County Appropriations	$ 12,000.00	$ 12,000.00
State Allocations		
District Base	$ 8,500.00	$ 8,500.00
State match	$ 16,000.00	$ 16,049.03
District Building/oper	$ 6,000.00	$ 6,000.00
Grants, Other income		
Admin from Direct Seed	$ 2,900.00	$ 2,906.50
Tree sales	$ 1,800.00	$ 1,899.98
total income	**$ 47,200.00**	**$ 47,355.51**
Expenses & Dues		
Division IV	$ 80.00	$ 80.00
IASCD	$ 1,800.00	$ 1,800.00
Idea Membership	$ 60.00	$ 60.00
NACD	$ 190.00	$ 190.00
High Country RC&D	$ 60.00	$ 56.35
Mid Snake RC&D	$ 50.00	$ 50.00
Memorials/funerals	$ 300.00	$ -
Idea Raffle	$ 50.00	
Fair expense	$ 100.00	$ 61.46
total expense	$ 2,690.00	$ 2,297.81
Outreach		
ag in classrcom	$ 150.00	$ 150.00
banquets & awards	$ 600.00	$ 508.73
Envirothon	$ 50.00	$ 50.00
Forestry Contest	$ 50.00	$ 50.00
IASCD door prizes		
KYG	$ 300.00	$ 300.00
LSEE (land judging)	$ 100.00	$ 100.00
water qualtiy (monitors)	$ 6,000.00	$ 6,000.00

Mini-Cassia SWCD **Project**	Proposed FY24	Actual FY24
Drills		
Cassia	$ 20,000.00	$ 22,444.79
Minidoka	$ 20,000.00	$ 18,680.73
Workshop		
Newsletter ads	$ 600.00	$ 600.00
Moisture Monitors	$ 34,800.00	$ 34,800.00
Grants		
Total Income	**$ 75,400.00**	**$ 76,525.52**
EXPENSES		
Drill repairs		
Cassia	$ 8,000.00	$ 5,049.36
Minidoka	$ 8,000.00	$ 6,932.07
Moisture Monitors	$ 32,000.00	$ 30,926.28
Community Conservation Clas	$ 2,000.00	$ 1,045.14
newsletters	$ 1,000.00	$ 38.65
Office meetings expenses		
Cassia	$ 600.00	$ 604.18
Minidoka	$ 400.00	$ 365.02
equipment	$ 250.00	$ 248.00
Webpage 3yr contract 23-26		
chamber of Commerce	$ 350.00	$ 350.00
media advertising		
1 yr zoom	$ 150.00	$ 149.90
Go Daddy	$ 50.00	$ 32.47
Insurance for drills	$ 300.00	
Banking expenses	$ 50.00	
LWG	$ 300.00	$ 254.00
District committee mtg	$ 1,000.00	$ 955.86
Admin		
East Cassia	$ 2,500.00	$ 2,278.25

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	Prop	Act
Payroll expenses		
Payroll	$ 16,000.00	$ 15,641.64
quarterly taxes	$ 7,000.00	$ 6,650.50
CPA	$ 200.00	$ 169.00
PERSI	$ 4,000.00	$ 3,376.00
total payroll expenses	**$ 27,200.00**	**$ 25,837.14**
Income	**$ 47,200.00**	**$ 47,355.51**
Total expenses	$ 45,410.00	$ 41,975.18
Net income	**$ 1,790.00**	**$ 5,380.33**