

Minidoka Soil and Water Conservation District
85 East Baseline Road
Rupert Idaho 83350
Board Meeting Minutes for August 14, 2024 in the office at the McGregor Building

Welcome: 12:00 p.m. Dusty Wilkins chairman – on the phone, Jeff Schow supervisor, Luke Stevenson supervisor, Lance Lovell – treasurer, David Mabey -NRCS, Jason Thomas – Extension office, Sharon Hardy admin.

Minutes: of the July 10, 2024 meeting were approved with a motion by Lance, second by Jeff.

The financial report was given by Lance with discussion for Sharon to arrange for the upcoming CD to roll into another one at best interest rate when that comes up in September 2024. Motion to approve the financial report and action on the CD by Lance second by Luke. Motion carried.

Business:

- Admin reported on Fair week, and the board drew the name for the bundle of trees – the winner being Craig Finley, there was great interest in the grow box with the beet in it.
- Report on the 2nd Community Conservation class which was held August 6th 2024 at the Burley Library, discussion was pest trapping and pruning your plants to get the most for harvest before frost.
- Review seed rebate project, the letter of requirements is ready with a couple of adjustments. It will be mentioned in the Tri-District newsletter, and Sharon will post it on Facebook.
- There is an IDEA training in Arco for the SCO report on August 21st. Luke made a motion for Sharon to attend with a second by Lance – motion carried
- Legislative Luncheon will be December 17th. Minidoka SWCD will host this in our building, and will include the 4 districts in Legislative district 27, East Cassia, Minidoka, Onieda and West Cassia SWCD. Sharon will arrange for a food truck Scotty's BBQ was suggested, and each district will pay for their supervisors and one legislative person. Supervisors should have list of ideas or questions ready for presentation.
- State Conference will be November 12-14 in Idaho Falls Districts are being asked to financially help the auxiliary.
- Declaration of Candidacy forms are available in the office for Dusty, Luke, and Reid.

Admin report: Sharon will be gone September 23-28 for sister's vacation, Land Judging will be October 9th, Speech contest Community Conservation class will be October 15th, Sharon will speak at the Chamber of Commerce luncheon October 17th, Speech contest for the Cassia districts and Minidoka will be October 22nd, and Division IV mtg will be October 30th.

Agency report: NRCS - David stated Local Work Group meeting will be in Rupert at the McGregor Building November 7th 10:00-2:00. Rules or structure of who can vote, how to keep moving the meeting along. All contracts last year were met with \$2 million spent, we will have the inflation reduction moneys again this year to factor in. Equip deadline is October 5th.

Extension Office – Jason mentioned a project with biodiversity sensors, activating SIM cards, will deploy in the spring, will try for IAMP money. Voles are a big issue, grasshoppers are a problem, and there is a need to collect data so that programs and funding can be found to assist in eradication.

Meeting adjourned 1:03 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Sharon Hardy - admin