

Minidoka Soil and Water Conservation District
85 East Baseline Road
Rupert Idaho 83350
Board meeting minutes for July 10 2024 held in the McGregor Building

Meeting called to order by Chairman Dusty Wilkins at 12:20 p.m. those attending: supervisor Luke Stevenson, Jeff Schow, treasurer Lance Lowell, scholarship winner Regan Nalder, her mother LaNae Nalder, representing ISWCD Carolyn Firth, NRCS David Maby, U. of I. Education Jason Thomas, admin Sharon Hardy.

Minutes of the June 13 meeting were read and approved with a motion by Luke, 2nd by Jeff motion carried

Agenda was amended to include the checks and amounts for the 2nd quarterly taxes, IRS \$1631.46, State Tax \$181.00 and Dept of Labor \$19.82 with a motion to include them made by Lance, 2nd by Luke motion carried.
The CD's will be maturing soon, one in September. A motion to go with what the highest rates are for a term, was made with Sharon rolling into that rate and term, was made by Lance 2nd by Jeff motion carried.

Scholarship for 2024 was awarded to Regan Nalder by chairman Dusty Wilkins

Report on Pollinator class held on June 18th, it was very interesting and well attended and many signed up for the next class. Which will be August 6th

Financial and Match report was presented and reviewed, with a Motion for Dusty to sign and Sharon to submit it, by Lance, 2nd by Luke motion carried.

Review of the seed rebate project with a motion to go forward – Sharon will send emails to those who have used the drill in past inviting them to participate and also post on Facebook. Motion to proceed by Jeff, 2nd by Luke motion carried.

Update on the see through planter – not available through Minico ag this year, but Lance will see if we can borrow the one the sugar factory made and has used for their field day exhibits. – it will be placed in the fair booth.

Minidoka fair is 29 July through 3 August the theme is Small town Big Hearts, Sharon has everything ready to go for the booth.

Legislative luncheon will be December 17th, The event will be Supervisors, and admin from East Cassia, Minidoka, West Cassia and Onieda SWCD's as they comprise district 27. Chairman Bedke, Rep Handy, Senator Anthon, Rep Poulton will be invited. Sharon will arrange for a food truck for the luncheon to be held in the McGregor building.

Admin reported the Division IV is in need of a short-term treasurer until elections, Luke is being asked to fill that position – he agreed – Also the printer is in need of work or replaced, nearest repair is Pocatello. It parts are under \$ 40. Then repair if not we will look at replacing it.

No Supervisor reports

Agency reports: NRCS -David, Ben Bonilla is the new Area Conservationist. LWG – we need to decide who can vote for project fundings, all the apps from this past year that met specs were funded. NRCS is still looking for and admin assist. Pheasants forever is looking for a new person.

ISWCD – Carolyn stated that checks should be out soon from Boise, she is still asking about the abandoned well project, possible funding through National Water Association. There were 50 apps for WQPA and 14 got funded.

EXENSION OFFICE – Jason has participated in one class so far with as second one coming for the Community Conservation classes sponsored by the Districts. Next topic will be pest trapping. He is working on a Sengenta project documenting beneficial insects in fields for pollinators and Bio Diversity sensors that could be very promising for area growers.

Meeting adjourned 2:00p.m. *Respectfully submitted by Sharon Hardy*