

Minidoka Soil and Water Conservation District

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Minutes of the meeting held July 9, 2025, at the Drift Inn for the 70th Anniversary of the District

Meeting Called to order at 12:01 by Chairman Dusty Wilkins

Those in attendance: Dusty Wilkins Chairman, Luke Stevenson Vice Chairman, Lance Lovell Treasurer, David Mabey NRCS, Carolyn Firth ISWCD, and Sharon Hardy admin.

Minutes of the May 14th meeting were approved with a motion by Lance, 2nd by Luke all approved.

Financial report by Lance, with a motion to approve paying the bills and accepting the report by Lance, 2nd by Luke motion carried.

Business:

The Minidoka Soil and Water Conservation District is 70 years old, having been established July 1955. To commemorate this milestone, we will give away hats at the Minidoka County fair with the District information on them and gold 'coin' chocolates with 70 years on them. Motion to purchase the hats made by Luke, 2nd by Lance, motion carried.

Save the date information was presented:

Minidoka turn to host the banquet and awards in 2026 for the 3 districts – be thinking on place and date 10 July. 2025 is zoom meeting for those on the project committee. (10:00-12:00)

15 July 2025 will be Local Working Group meeting at the Burley office conference room 10:00 – 12:00

28 July – 2 August 2025 is the Minidoka County fair. Sharon and her granddaughter will set up and take down.

9 September 2025 is the next Conservation Class- Fire Wise and Draught resistant plantings. To be held at CSI in Burley. It was suggested we contact the Hagerman Ag Teacher about the plants.

January 2026 workshop there will be pesticide credits, and one of the topics will be grasshoppers/crickets.

Supervisors and Admin reports:

Dusty will contact Linda Schott about our soil report. Will speak to Senato Anthon about concerns on the Governor's purposed combining agency's

Sharon will take one day of vacation and one day no pay the 23rd and 24th of July. There are still 2 signs on state highways that need relocated. The state has not said anything lately --- but!!!

Agency reports:

NRCS: still in a hiring freeze – hoping for a Senior Planner when available, IRA funds were frozen, so those projects were not completed or stopped. Reminder of Local Working Group meeting.

ISWCD: state cleanup – Idaho One Plan, Matt Weaver of IDWR concerns for the combining of the two agency's IDWR and ISWCD as purposed by the Governor. Reminder that financial match reports are due 16 August.

Meeting adjourned 1:19 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Sharon Hardy