

Minutes of the Minidoka Soil and Water Conservation District May 10 2023

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Meeting called to order at 12:01 p.m. by Chairman Dusty Wilkins.

Attending: Dusty Wilkins, Reid Bowen, Jeff Schow, Sharon Hard, Lance Lovell, Luke Stevenson, David Maybe, Carolyn Firth

Minutes of the March meeting (no meeting in April) were approved with a motion by Reid, 2nd by Lance motion carried

Financial report by Treasurer Lance, bills and deposits since the March meeting were reviewed, with a motion to accept the financial report by Lance and a 2nd by Luke motion carried

Business:

Aaron Firth will be moved to associate and Jeff Schow will be appointed as supervisor, motion by Lance with a 2nd by Luke, motion carried.

Tri- District banquet will June 8 with Direct Seed committee meeting at 5:30, Socializing at 6:00 and dinner at 6:30 at the Straw Maze Barn on 500 South and Hwy87 Burley RSVP by June 2nd

CD at First Fed Maturity date July 27 2023 – Motion made by Reid with a second by Lance to move the CD to DL. Evans, motion carried.

Budget amendment for this fiscal year of 2022-2023 was reviewed with a motion to approve the amendments by Lance with a second by Reid, motion carried

Budget for the upcoming fiscal year of 2023-2024 was presented for discussion with the final budget to be presented at the June meeting

Wording of the LWG (local work group) contracts and allotments did not include high tunnels and we have had several calls for information and possible funding. Through the discussion it was determined that at the next LWG meeting we make sure there is money set aside for that category.

Conservation Steward/co-operator of the year will be Derick and Sara Maier - jackets and a plaque

Scholarship winners are Carson Suchan and Cooper Beene.

Tree sales went well recap should be forthcoming on the finances, a list of possibilities for next years tree order was reviewed with no changes offered, East Cassia will finalize that order and submit a pre order this fall.

There were no Supervisor reports

Admin mention that there could be an IDEA meeting the 15-16 of June possibly in Idaho Falls, that the next RC&D meeting is for June 23rd, and she would like to have a short day on May 24th to attend the Master Preservers training in Gooding.

There are 10 students from Minico who received their State FFA degree, with a possible 2 American degree's this fall. It was decided to invited them to the dinner and present them with a letter of recognition.

Agency reports,

NRCS – David stated that water quantity tool 1st priority in moneys they have received. That the local work group LWG really needs to be in early fall, and asked if we wanted a facilitator or not, The discussion was that David did a fine job of moving the meeting along. David was asked if money's can be reassigned to the meeting if no facilitator. He did not know.

ISWCC – Carolyn had some CRP contract for Dusty to sign

FSA – Cary Curtis from Burley is currently overseeing both Cassia and Minidoka, Trec Reed from NRCS is the new trainer for the Rupert FSA position.

Extension – it was mentioned that Jason Thomas the extension educator along with another educator have developed a game for ag, FFA, colleges and businesses to learn about pest, pesticides and crop rotation. –

A map of Idaho was provided to the Supervisors showing where all the Divisions of Soil Conservation Districts are in Idaho. It was interesting to see how it is divided up.

Next board meeting will be June 8th right after the banquet.

Meeting adjourned at 1:41 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by *Sharon Hardy*