

Minidoka Soil and Water Conservation District

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Meeting called to order December 10, 2025, at 12:09 p.m. in the conference room by Chairman Dusty Wilkins. Those attending were Dusty Wilkins, Lance Lovell, Jeff Schow, David Maybe, NRCS and Sharon Hardy admin.

Minutes of the November 12, 2025, meeting were approved with a motion by Lance second by Jeff, motion carried.

Financial report was reviewed with discussion on the upcoming CD to mature in February of 2026, and whether to cash it out or continue to build it. It was decided to wait until January to decide.

A motion by Lance to pay the bills presented with a second by Jeff. Motion carried.

Business:

The 26-budget format has been revised to hopefully match and fit what the SCO wants using their categories and putting our needs in as subcategories where they fit best. The state continues to ask for total adopted revenues, total adopted expenditures – which are listed in our presented budget, yet they ask for it in repeated emails. With this new format it is expected to resolve their issue of not being able to see or find the presented information. The board approved these changes in format noting that there were no changes in totals presented.

Finances- Local Government Investment Pool, this was information presented at state conference, it may be a way to earn money faster to be used for projects. Dusty will ask more questions; Sharon will see about paperwork required and present the information at the January board meeting.

Outstanding drill rental fees -there are 4 names on the list this year – 2 rented late in the year so are not late on paying their bills. One paid on the 9th without the most recent late fee (the payment and statement could have passed in the mail) We would like this cleared by the end of the year, Dusty called two of them and they replied they will take care of them, and the 4th one sent an email stating the check is on the way.

Seed rebates we have one application that should be turned in this week and a possible next week. They are between 25 and 50 acres.

We have our workshop coming up in January on the 27th to be held at the Burley Inn, we are planning on 2-3 pesticide credits with discussion on grasshoppers, nematodes, invasive weeds, water settlement, and seeds treated with live biologicals. Registration is now open.

Employee annual review – Dusty and Jeff will provide this right after the board meeting.

RC&D meeting in Twin Falls will be Friday the 12th, Sharon will present a request for \$2000 to help with the workshop in January.

Note of reminder in the November elections for 2026 we need to fill 3 spots /positions, the vacant seat, Lance's with Dusty running again.

Admin report: Legislative Social will be January 15th in Boise. Dusty will most likely go and talk to legislatures about having the same benefits for Soil and Water Conservation boards as those on the Department of Water Resources – after all we will be under their umbrella. IDEA has compiled a set of procedures to be reviewed and incorporated into our policies and procedures manual regarding government shutdowns – what to do – how to continue operations. The board was presented some information for review and be prepared to discuss in January board meeting.

Agency reports: IWSCD – the information was in the packets for the board members which included the resolution for the Conservation District to now be included and under the auspices of the Department of Water Resources.

NRCS: David mentioned the press release for funding that was sent to all the board members. January 15 in the deadline for EQIP payments. And there was talk of having the Local working group meet in February rather than summer or late fall.

Meeting adjourned 1:36

Respectfully submitted by Sharon Hardy