

Minidoka Soil and Water Conservation District board minutes for March 11 2024

Board Meeting March 11 2024 10:00 a.m. in the NRCS conference room in Burley Idaho was called to order by Chairman Dusty Wilkins those present were Dusty Wilkins, Luke Stevenson, Lance Lovell, Jeff Schow (on the phone) David Maybe of NRCS, Carolyn Firth of IASCD, Jason Thomas – Minidoka Extension office, John Erickson- NRCS Soil Con.

Minutes from the January meeting were presented with a motion to approve by Lance and a second by Jeff. All approved (for information there was no meeting in February – no quorum)

Bills and finances were presented by Treasurer Lance with a motion to accept the information presented a second was made by Jeff all approved.

Information on the Drill repairs and bill to Ag-Vantage – this winters repairs were half what they were the prior year, with a report from Ag-Vantage that the drills are holding up well and should last several more years.

In February at the Moisture monitor kick off held in Burley and later another held in Rupert there were a total of 52 monitors distributed. The total bill for this year of the project is paid. In the next two years we should see a bill for the computer programing for the project. The data will be available at the end of the growing year.

The Annual plan and the 5 year plan were approved with a motion for Dusty to sign the document and Sharon to submit it. Motion made by Luke with a second by Lance, all approved.

The request for the County Commissioners and the yearly report was presented for board approval. Motion to submit the request was made by Luke, with a second by Jeff. Motion carried.

Information of a Pollinator Project or Community Conservation – with classes/forums and pollinator seed distribution. The Tri- District committee suggested \$2000. Be made available from the Trine-District/Direct Seed account.

Discussion for the stewardship award was held. It was decided that Doug Tuma would be a good candidate.

Next Board meeting on April 10th will be with MID and Amalgamated, Dusty will follow up with Nate on bids for pipe and Reid will follow up with MID for possible grants and their information for the project.

Reminder that Div IV meeting is March 12th in Shoshone. – Sharon will attend.

RC&D meeting will be March 15th in Twin Falls - Sharon will attend.

Reports:

No Supervisor reports.

Admin mentioned we have money in the budget for FFA by we are not aware of their needs – Sharon will contact Jessica Stapleman one of the ag teachers. Also it has been suggested that the TRI-Districts hold a Legislative Lunched the end of December.. After discussion it was decided to pursue this idea.

Agency reports:

NRCS: John Erickson new soil con was introduced – his office will be in the Burley NRCS office.

ISWCC: Carolyn mentioned that April 4th will be the policy meeting for WQPA, Legislative budget will probably be voted on this week.

Meeting adjourn at 11:10

Minutes respectfully submitted by Admin. *Sharon Hardy.*