

Minidoka Soil and Water Conservation District

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Meeting called to order January 14, 2026 at 12:05 p.m. Conference Room Of District building by Chairman Dusty Wilkins Those attending Dusty Wilkins, Luke Stevenson, Carolyn Firth, David Mabey, Sharon Hardy, on the phone Jeff Schow, and Lance Lovell

Minutes of the December 10, 2025 meeting were approved with a motion by Jeff, second by Lance motion carried.

Financial Information was presented with a motion to approve the finances and pay the bills by Lance, second by Jeff, motion carried.

To accommodate those attending the meeting by phone the agenda was adjusted to hold an Executive session per Idaho code 74-206 (1) (a)(b) personnel and finances. Time: 12:07 p.m. Roll call Dusty, Luke, Jeff, Lance. Session ended at 12:14 p.m. with the decision to award 4 additional days of vacation to current Admin, and to enroll the District into LGIP (Local Government Investment Pool)

Business:

- Update on the drill rents -all are paid for 2025
- Minidoka's turn to host the Awards banquet, suggestions were for Sharon contact Jessica to see if the FFA building might be an option or the Burley Event Center – Kevin from Edith's. Dates suggested were June 15,16,17, or 18 Co-operators of the year suggestions were Jessica Stapelman and Rick Simpson.
- Scholarship application form was reviewed with updates of year and a spelling correction
- Seed rebate for 2026 was discussed it was decided to continue that program and to update the form for this year
- Annual and 5-year plan are due the end of March it will be ready for review by the February meeting.
- LGIP – Local Government Investment Pool; the CD that matures in February will be rolled into the checking account and then enough to make 30,000 will be placed into the Poo.
- Guidelines for Government shutdown for the policy and procedure book was reviewed there are some things that do not apply here or are not needed. The information will be adjusted for presentation to the board.
- Workshop for January 27<sup>th</sup> was mentioned, Minidoka will sponsor 8 students and advisors from Minico.
- Dusty and Luke will meet with the County Commissioners and provide and update on the Soil Districts activities – Sharon will prepare the booklet and make the appointment.

Supervisors reports – none

Admin report – the SCO/LSO reports for 2024, and 2025 have finally been accepted and are good.

Agency reports

NRCS \_ David, they are seeing major budget cuts, plus a new program 1<sup>st</sup> Regenerative Farming – not sure how that will all pan out.

ISWCC – Carolyn, not sure what will happen with the proposed merger with IDWR – still waiting to see what will happen this year.

Meeting adjourned 2:11 p.m.