

Minidoka Soil and Water Conservation District

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McGregor Building February 13, 2023 12:13 p.m.

Meeting called to order by Chairman Dusty Wilkins those in attendance are:

Dusty Wilkins, Treasurer Lance Lovell, supervisors Luke Stevenson and Aaron Firth, NRCS David Mabey, TA 2020 Melanie Nebaker, Minidoka Extension Agent Jason Thomas, Admin Sharon Hardy

Minutes of the previous meeting were reviews with a motion to accept the January 2023 minutes made by Lance and a second by Luke. Motion carried.

Financial report was presented with a motion to add the bill for IASCD Div. IV dues and pay the bills by Lance and a second by Luke. Motion carried.

Tree sales are very brisk this year, more of several species have been ordered, but there are no more of the Nanny berry or the Colorado Blue Spruce. The winner of the tree give away from the fair last fall is Nicole Corr. Because the number of trees per bundle has changed this year, it was discussed that we would honor the amount we had for last year for the winner, the amount will match the sales bundle amount. (which was 10 trees) This year it will be 5 trees.

Division IV meeting agenda and menu were reviewed, and discussion of set up for the 2nd. Our board meeting will be held on March 8th to accommodate the need for a Direct Seed project meeting to be held immediately after the Division meeting.

Banquet/Summer Picnic – it is Minidoka's turn if we want to continue having the Tri-District event. Suggestions were to have it in June, with the possible places being at the Stoker Straw Maze barn and have them cater, or at the Burley Event Center and have Kevin from Edith's cater. Sharon will see about eligibility for the Straw Maze, and follow up with the two Cassia District to see if June will work for them.

For the Conservation Steward or co-operator of the year award for 2022 a possibility is Derrick Maiers. Possible more discussion in the March meeting.

Supervisor reports – none

Admin Report – Everything is coming into place for the Division meeting, should have a report on the drill repairs for the Direct Seed meeting and our next board meeting. Working on the 1 – 5 year plan. Requesting 2 days off during spring break in March.

Agency reports:

NRCS – David, ACT now program was only a 60 day turn around. We need to look at amount of time ground is exposed, We need to have some project on the ready for when programs are announced we can jump in the . There will be a workshop Wednesday February 15th in Twin Falls at Canyon Springs. Engineering is looking better and getting caught up. Equip program is open for apps right now.

TA2020 – Melanie, the grant for her position will be complete February 14th, The soil you undies project is in its 4th year, All reports are in or will be tomorrow to Rachelle Osterhout of Cassia Districts, Finishing up projects to turn over to Trek Reed

Extension Office - Jason he is planning a workshop for soil moisture awareness for farm workers – using hand on practices. Possibly a video – with some funding through climate smart. Jason will provide us with the criteria in an email.

FSA : some changes in the Rupert office – Nic Treasure is now responsible for Western Idaho and will be based out of the Jerome office, and Kerry Curtis will now oversee the Minidoka office as well as Cassia.

Meeting adjourn with a motion by Lance and a second by Aaron. All approved. 1:17 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Sharon Hardy

Admin. Minidoka SWCD