

Minidoka Soil and Water Conservation District

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Minutes for the meeting held May 14, 2025, in the board meeting room 98 South 200 West in attendance were Chairman Dusty Wilkins, Vice Chairman Luke Stevenson, Sec/Treasurer Lance Lovell, Supervisor Jeff Schow, NRCS David Mabey, Extension Educator Jason Thomas, Admin Sharon Hardy

Meeting called to order at 11:59 a.m.

Financial report and bills were presented by Lance, with a motion to accept made by Lance with a second by Jeff motion carried.

Business:

Information provided by Carolyn Firth for the board to review on a WQPA application Motion to approve by Jeff with a second by Luke motion carried.

Update of records for information needed by ICRMP requiring value and date building was built.

SIF-(state insurance fund) is requesting organizations to declare choice of providers for unemployment insurance. A motion to stay with SIF was made by Luke with a second by Jeff, motion carried.

State survey for the commission is due. A motion was made to complete the survey and for Dusty sign it and Sharon to submit it by Jeff with a second by Luke motion carried.

Scholarships applications were reviewed and the amount to present was discussed. There were 3 qualifying applicants who receive \$1000.00 each. Motion by Lance with second by Jeff motion carried. Scholarships to: Isaac Patterson, Cole Moultrie, Emma Walton

The stewardship award for the year 2024 to be presented at the Summer picnic in June will be Spencer Maughan, Lance and Sharon will contact and get information and awards.

The Summer banquet will be June 23rd at Steadman's place in Raft River,

Tree Sales were slow, but we had all trees picked up by the 13th of May. We will aim for the end of April next year. Minidoka would like to see fruit trees be available.

Community Conservation Class will be May 20th at CSI in Burley. Discussion as to whether to continue the classes – there is a different group of people receiving information than through the workshops. It is important to reach the urban gardeners and hobby farmers, so they better understand the impact we all make on our soils and water conservation. If possible, continue the classes.

Supervisors: Congrats to Luke on new baby

Agency reports:

NRCS David no new employees – contracts are barely being met, LWG (local work group) we need to try for early to mid-July. It was suggested the 15th of July.

Extension: IAMP – if any projects they need to reapply there could still be project money

Meeting adjourned 1:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Sharon Hardy admin