

Minidoka Soil and Water Conservation District

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Those in attendance: Chairman Brian Kossman, Vice Chairman Dusty Wilkins, on the phone Treasure Aaron Firth and Reid Bowen, Minidoka County Commissioner Wayne Schenk, NRCS Trec Reed, ISWCC Carolyn Firth, and Admin Sharon Hardy

Meeting called to order by Brian at 12:11 p.m.

Minutes of the July 2022 meeting approved with a motion by Dusty, 2nd by Aaron all approved.

Aaron provided the treasurers report and made motion to accept and pay the bills, 2nd by Reid. Motion carried

Business:

The CD at 1st Fed did not get moved – Sharon was instructed to contact Jamie at the bank and ask what the procedure will be to move it in November when Board members are not in harvest .

Project updates the Nalder project needed to be ranked, NRCS is working on the engineering design. Aaron made the motion to rank it high as it is the only project of its kind for our District, Dusty 2nd that motion, Motion carried.

Fair update: Sharon reported there was good attendance in the buildings until about 930 at night and then it was mostly youth wandering. Those signing up for the trees asked if they could get bundles of 5 rather than 10s, the board then drew the name Nicole Corr 208 431 7502 as the winner of the 10 tree bundle, with a back up name of Jasmine Solares 208 670 3616. Sharon will contact Nicole now and then again in the spring when we have our order form available. The board discussed bundles of 5 would be easier to count – less error, and that 10 of one species is sometimes prohibitive, if we sold them for \$20.00 would that cover expenses and not have to add shipping and handling to the orders? Sharon will follow up on this.

Conference update: we still need a sponsorship of \$500.00 and a door prize of at least \$25.00 the board stated that they would like to see Amalgamated as a sponsor, and Butte Irrigation as a possible speaker on the bus, also as a possibility some one from Sprinkler shop or Miller research.

Note to put on calendars the Division IV meeting is scheduled for October 27th the host is Balance Rock SWCD, and it is Minidoka's turn to host in the spring, the board asked Sharon to contact Benjamin Kelly to see if we could have ours in early March before spring planting starts. (*email sent to Benjamin – 12 Aug 2022*)

Supervisor Reports: None

NRCS – Trec provided the report stating that conservation incentive projects are new and seeing apps come in, LWG is scheduled for 9 November in the Minidoka SWCD building. And mentioned the MOA with NRCS is coming out or we should have it. He mentioned GLCI – Grazing Lands Conservation Initiative plan is available until September 22, 2022.

ISWCC – Carolyn reported that 50 of the pods for the Amalgamated project have been planted and some data is starting to be collected from them. Carolyn took some pictures and will share them with us, She stated that the payments for Base and operations allocations have been sent out (we have ours) the Financial and Match report is due August 16th and noted that ours has been submitted. WQPA, it is extremely important to keep receipts on these projects, if landowners are providing in-kind match in the form of their own equipment or labor, they need to keep a record of the value of those contributions. WQPA had request for \$11 million from district all over the state but there was only \$5 million available and all of it was allocated. If we have any projects that need engineered we need to schedule with Bill

and Ricki Garden as far in advance as possible as they serve all of southern Idaho. No new Commissioners have been appointed by the Governor's office as of yet. Hopefully when the Commission board meets on August 25th they will have that information.

TA2020 – Printed information provided to Sharon.. Melanie has been working on the last of the high tunnel projects, and helped finish up the CRP with Trec, there are 29 of the 43 contracts signed and in. She and Carolyn got all the 'undies' planted/buried, and will be digging those up the end of August. Her biggest project is the one she is working on with the Chatburns, they are looking at possibly doing a SGI, EQIP project as well applying for WQPA. She has been doing line poring surveys and lots of mapping, they are working on getting other neighbors on the DGI along with BLM. Melanie reported that a few produces have expressed interest in piping ditches and possible streams.

Admin Report: the poster contest will be started in September and completed in October the theme this year is another repeat of themes, it is Healthy Soil Healthy Life. IDEA will sponsor an Admin training September 20th in Shoshone that will include record retention, and open meeting laws.

There will be NO meeting in September or October as everyone will be busy with the harvest.

Meeting adjourned 1:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Sharon Hardy - Admin Assistant