

## Minidoka Soil and Water Conservation District

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Minutes for the 10 of June 2021 Board Meeting held in the 'classroom' in the McGregor building on the Minidoka Fair Grounds

Meeting was called to order at 1:15 p.m. by Chairman Brian Kossman. Those present: were Vice Chairman Dusty Wilkins, NRCS David Maybe, TSA 2020 employee Melanie Nebaker, Admin Sharon Hardy, guest Ehsan Soltan, County Extension Agent Jason Thomas, East West Cassia SWCD coordinator Doreen McMurray on the phone.

Minutes and Bills will be presented for approval at the July meeting

Doreen McMurray (on the phone) gave a review and talked about the workshop for 2022, stated there would be a Direct Seed meeting in July, upcoming land judging in the fall and she will approach the RC&D council for financial support for the land judging,

Ehsan Soltan from Soiltech presented information regarding the product they have to assist local farmers to detect moisture, temps, and other concerns in the field of planted products such as potatoes, beets, beans and corn. The tube is buried with the planting and harvested in the fall and can be stored with the produce and go to the production destination. He asked for a letter of support for a grant that they are applying for. Minidoka board stated they would pay for a vender booth at our next workshop as support for this project.

Budget review, looks good to present at board meeting in July

Letter for signature for Commissioners was presented along with the books Sharon will make an appointment for July for Brian to meet with them.

Picnic menu and cater were picked, Let's Go Dutch will provide the meal for the Picnic on July 8<sup>th</sup> in the Paul Splash Park.

Our PSA on Facebook has reached 1448 and engaged 702 we are currently running in the Boise area.

One Supervisor needs to go to 1<sup>st</sup> Fed and change the address and provide updates there, as Sharon is not a signer on the account, she does not have authority to make changes. Dusty said he would take care of it.

Reports.

**Supervisors** --- None

Admin – Newsletter is available on email or will be mailed to those we do not have email for, ICRMP estimate for next year will be \$1715.00

**County Agent** Jason reported he will help with a new video but prefers we wait until at least November. Barn Owl boxes on pivot corners are doing well, but not so much the ones near houses. He is also working on thermal imaging for voles **SWCC** (Carolyn Firth provided the information to be reported) Soil sampling will be happening in the next couple of weeks, will be doing soil the undies again, but only one field per producer.

TA2020 Melanie mentioned they will be marking the soil the undies project better for location later, and she has been assisting Samantha on finishing projects, and will be in the Rupert office more and has 9 -RCCP contacts she is working on.

NRCS – David stated he will have a new employee in about 60 days in the Rupert office also, They are looking for Veterans who can be fast tracked in to the job. The offices are still at 50% staffing allowed in the buildings. Marlon Winger bought 3 rain fall simulations for FFA to use throughout the state.

Meeting adjourned at 3:00p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Admin Sharon Hardy