

Minidoka Soil and Water Conservation District

Minutes of the May 21, 2020 Minidoka SWCD held outside in the back parking lot the Rupert Field Office

Meeting called to order by Chairman Brian Kossman at 1:07 p.m. in attendance: Brian Kossman, Dusty Wilkins, Aaron Firth, LaNae Nalder, Jason Thomas, Carolyn Firth, Dinah Rainey and admin assist Sharon Wilmot.

Minutes were presented and approved with a motion by Dusty and a second by Aaron, motion carried

Bills were presented with a motion to approve them by Dusty and a second by Aaron, motion carried

Business: Note Brian tried to set up a zoom meeting but was not successful – could be because we were outside.

Brian asked Sharon to find out the procedures to present a resolution at State Conference in November. Zoom in the fall and spring when Farming is in full swing.

Urban Water Quality Project... Jason has edited the video and presented it to the board. The discussion was the format to present it to the public. It was decided to put on Facebook on the district web site. And then to the Commission and ask that it be placed on their website. Jason will provide the video to be posted.

Tri-District banquet/picnic, reschedule date options June 17th or 19th for about 80 people we should be able to with the State mandate for phases for the Covid-19 rules.

Scholarship ap information – one turned in Dillon Ball, Sharon will also see if Cassia has any extra's they need assistance with this year – as they have picked up some of ours in the past.

State Conference information of update on assignments (our District is to put together the swag bags from all of Division IV) along with each District being asked to find a sponsor or sponsor \$500. Towards the Event. *Workshop 2021 speaker options were also presented for the supervisors to review and let Doreen know of their preferences.*

MOA with NRCS which is new this year was discussed with a motion by Dusty and a second by Aaron to have Brian sign the MOA, motion carried.

Information to the Supervisors – State Appropriations for Districts for FY 2021 will be cut by 5%, the State Soil Commission survey from the Districts is due now. Supervisors discussed each category and the compiled information was then submitted via email to Delwyne Trefz. Spring Division meetings have been cancelled due to the Covid-19 State mandates, but there will be a Supervisors only meeting in Boise on June the 12th. Brian will schedule to attend. The Walcott WAG meeting has been cancelled or postponed until their quarterly meeting on August 20th.

Tree sales went well considering all the regulations from Covid-19 state mandates. The district will see about \$1700.

Reports there were none from the Supervisors or Admin,. County Extension Agent Jason will get releases from the participants in the Video so that we can present the video on social media.

NRCS -Brian reported that some land has been located for a test farm, with cooperation from NRCS, SWCD, Nature Conservancy. This is a wheel line field near the Burley Butte, there may be a need to hire some one to manage it and keep it going for data research, and production. Dinah stated that NRCS has the 2nd sign up for end gun removal and soft conversion.

SWCC – Carolyn reported that we are still under meeting restrictions through the rest of the year. Crp is still available. There is a Zoom conference with Linda Schoot for soil testing.

Mtg adjourned 3:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Sharon H. Wilmot admin assistant