

Minidoka Soil and Water Conservation District

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Meeting called to order November 12, 2025, at 12:03 p.m. in the conference room by Chairman Dusty Wilkins. Those attending: Dusty Wilkins, Lance Lovell, Luke Stephenson, Carolyn Firth (ISSCD), Jason Thomas (extension educator) Sharon Hardy (admin)

Minutes for the meeting held August 2025 were approved with a motion by Lance and a second by Luke.

Financial Report – review of the bills, and approval of the report. Motion by Lance and a second by Luke, motion carried.

Budgets: Due to the 3% hold backs from Gov Little the check from the commission will be \$18,272.45 and the County Commissioners sent a letter stating our amount that will be received in 2026 will be \$10,000. So the Budget will now reflect these amount changes, with a review and motion to accept the new purposed 2026 budget Motion by Lance second by Luke motion carried. Luke then made a motion to accept the final budget for 2025; this was second by Lance motion carried.

Awards for poster contest and speech contest was reviewed. Sharon will get those awards delivered before Thanksgiving break, but after state conference – just in case we have a winner from there. There was one poster that showed exceptional thought and preparation – but it was 3 dimensional (not flat to the poster board) so the poster could not place for the district nor go on to Division, The board decided to award an honorable mention for the workmanship and creativity Lance made the motion to make this extra award with a second by Luke, motion carried.

Performance report was reviewed and approved for Dusty to sign and Sharon to submit it. Motion by Luke second by Lance, motion carried.

The voting delegate for State Conference was assigned to Dusty with a motion to sign the delegate form made by Luke, second by Lance. Motion carried.

The resolutions for state Conference were reviewed with little discussion. Mostly to just be aware of what the discussion could be at Conference next week in Boise.

Mileage rates were discussed – currently the District is reimbursing at .58 a mile, the state rate is .70 a mile. Lance made the motion to update the rate and have it effect as of November 1, 2025, Luke second that motion. Motion carried.

Drill activity is slowing down. It was decided that when the ground freezes so that no more field work can be done, then the drills can go in for winter repairs. Right now, Minidoka drill possible issues are the lights, and possibly a bearing issue on the passenger rear wheel. Sharon was instructed to get quotes this year on possible work to be done before work begins to determine if the value is still there.

FYI -Division IV speech contest will be Thursday, November 13, at the Rock Creek Fire Station in Kimberly. At 5:15 p.m. Supervisors are invited, the winner will be invited to go to Boise for the state Conference Contest.

The board was asked to vote on the Districts winner for the poster contest before they leave for the day.

Supervisor reports. – could we possibly have the LWG (local working group) meeting in Feb after all everything is by % - so when the money's is made known just spread it out by those percentages.

Agency reports. Carolyn, mentioned Conference, and asked if we had received our match payment (we have not) She stated the Landon group will give a report on their findings from the survey that was sent regarding the merger for ISCD and IDWR. Not sure of the dollar savings but that is one of the hot topics with all the various mergers provided by the Governor.

Extension office – Jason mentioned he is working on a project that may require some assistance from the District it is s water project with Kendra of Idaho Water, and Emily Bedwell an irrigation specialist he will provide more details as they get further into the project- he just wanted to have the board be aware of the possibilities.

Meeting adjourned 2:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Sharon Hardy