

Minidoka Soil and Water Conservation District

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May 13 2021 1:00 p.m. in the classroom in the McGregor building on the Minidoka Fair Grounds, the meeting was called to order by Chairman Brian Kossman. Those in attendance were Brian Kossman Chairman, Reid Bowen Supervisor, Melanie Nebaker TA, Sharon Hardy (Wilmot) Admin, with Dusty Wilkins Vice Chairman on the phone.

Welcome by Brian, Minutes were presented with a change of spelling to PAYTON, then a motion to approve the minutes with the included change made by Dusty and second by Reid all approved.

Bills were presented with an amendment to add the bill for the CPA (which arrived today) so the motion included the amendment and approval of the bills by Reid, second by Dusty, all approved.

The thank you from Doreen Mc Murray was read and passed around.

The preliminary budget was presented along with a review of the letter for request to the commissioners. The letter was approved as is, and a budget meeting was set for May 18th during lunch. --- Brian, Dusty and Sharon will work on that.

The MOU from NRCS was presented and after much discussion it was the consensus of the board to NOT sign the document.

Tree sales have been completed, trees bundled and picked up, Doreen McMurray and Rachele Osterhout, and Megan Heward are coming the final audit with the plan the checks will be dispersed next month. (in June)

Summer Picnic, we have been invited to join East and West Cassia for a dinner meeting at Morey's or we can stay with our original plan to hold our picnic in July. The consensus is to stay with our plans as some have already been notified.

Computer issues have been resolved with PMT tech people coming and changing the "IP address" on the computer to match their system. But the printer will still not scan, it does print from the computer now.

LWG (Local work group) -NRCS is requesting that we hold a meeting in September, but that is in the middle of harvest, East and West Cassia suggested the 2nd week of November and ask for Minidoka support in that suggestion, to which all the supervisors agreed would be a much better time to meet.

Reports:

Supervisors had nothing new.

Admin Sharon reported that Norton virus protection cost is up and what do they want to do the decision was no to Norton. Sharon was asked to participate in the FFA interviews for officers, there were 11 youth for 9 positions. We received a letter from IRS that said we do not need to collect or pay 940 taxes that letter has been turned over to the CPA to follow up on. ISWCC 2021 District budget hearing is coming up a flyer was provided to each supervisor. The PSA on Facebook is expired Sharon was told to use the money in the needed amounts that was budget to keep it active and expand the area of reach.

County Extension Agent Jason Thomas asked about doing an ad for Nitrates – currently we are not ready to do that.

NRCS David reported on RCPP project with Chris Johnson at IDWR to re-cap or cap abandoned wells along with Rural Water Users is looking like a good project for the District to take on, there may be funding through various organizations for the project. Iniqua is at the end of the session for contracts. There will be another sign up for CRP.

TA2020 Melanie reported high tunnels from last year have been approved and is working on this year's projects, and the TA grant is submitted.

Meeting adjourned 3:00 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Sharon Hardy (Wilmot)