

Minidoka Soil and Water Conservation District

Board meeting Thursday June 13 2019 Rupert Field Office

Meeting called to order by Chairman Brian Kossman at 1:06 p.m. those in attendance were: Chairman Brian Kossman, Vice Chairman Russ Suchan, Treasurer Dusty Wilkins, Supervisor Luke Adams, Associate LaNae Nalder, Jason Thomas Minidoka Extension office, David Mabey NRCS and Sharon Wilmot District Admin.

Minutes were presented with a motion to accept them made by Russ, a second by Dusty. Motion carried.

Financial Report was presented by Dusty, with discussion on the University of Idaho testing and results of the tests. Dusty made a motion to pay the bills with a second by LaNae. Motion carried.

Brian stated that he went to the County Commissioners and presented the Districts request, along with information on what the District accomplished this current fiscal year, and plans for next year. It was well received, but we do not know the amount that was approved yet.

The WATER QUALITY STUDENT PROJECT was discussed. LaNae mentioned she had attended the assembly to the Juniors when project ideas were present there was no response. She will work with the FFA advisors, it was decided that a sub committee would be helpful to assist with determining what will be relevant for rural and urban understanding. The committee will be LaNae, Luke, Brian, and Jason.

Nematode testing was discussed, as to what the results really tell us. We are looking for data to support the value of no-till or reduced till practices, and using cover crops for soil health so that the information can be used for the workshop. It was decided that the moneys to pay for the testing will come out of outreach, with a sub category of soil health research.

Tri- district picnic was discussed with the date set for July 11th in the Albion Park; Sharon will check with Piggy Sues to see about the cost for just the meat for about 70 people. A shredded beef or brisket. If cost is prohibited Sharon will visit with Brian as to possible alternative.

David reported that the NRCS employee will not happen, that none were funded in Idaho. David also mentioned that USDA is looking for partners for farm trials. That there is some funding available through the recently passed farm bill.

No Supervisor reports

Admin report. We have received the bill from Stotz on a rental of the drill not working on an older tractor. The deal was if the issue was the tractor the farmer would pay the service bill, if it is our drill, we would pay the service bill. Sharon will call Stotz and have them bill the farmer.

FYI the ICRMP Insurance will be about \$1443.00 last year it was \$1349.00

Tree sales check has come in it is about \$400.00 more than last year.

All 3 boards have received a letter from Jessica Anderson of the Burley office asking for suggestions for the workshop in 2020.

Carolyn has asked us to discuss changing the hours we have requested from searching for a SARE or other possible grants to the sampling project in Division IV, and data request for use in the workshop. The board discussed this and agreed right now that is a better use of the Carolyn resources. Sharon will submit the request to Delwynne for approval. The motion to request the change in hours to the testing and data gathering project was made by Dusty, with a second by Russ. Motion carried.

Sharon will be out of the office Friday June 14th.

Sharon will have to recap of the years budget and beginning of next years budget ready for board meeting in July.

Meeting adjourned 3:06 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Sharon H. Wilmot