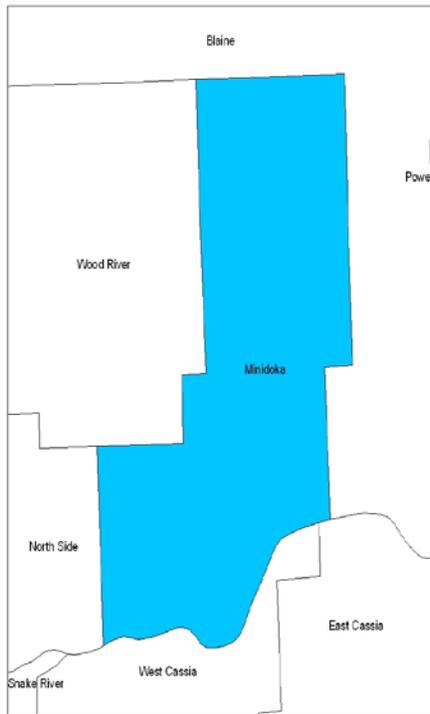


Minidoka

Soil and Water Conservation District



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Board meetings: 2nd Thursday every month.

Top 3 Priorities

1. Water
2. Soil
3. Outreach and Education

FY 2013 Revenue (7/1/12-6/30/13)

\$12,604.44	State
\$ 3,000.00	County
\$ 3,218.31	BPA Project

Recent Projects

Mini-Cassia Nitrate Priority Areas (Cooperative Conservation Partnership Initiative, CCPI)

The Minidoka Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) is working jointly with the West Cassia & East Cassia Soil and Water Conservation Districts in partnership with NRCS and the Idaho Soil and Water Conservation Commission to address the problem of elevated nitrates in the ground water within the Cassia and Minidoka Nitrate Priority Areas. Minidoka County is now ranked 12th for highest nitrates in the state of Idaho.

Two contracts have entered into their second year. There was also one additional contract added in March 2013. Currently, 505 acres are participating in the program. Farmers are paid incentive payments to implement nutrient management, precision agriculture, and high-intensity irrigation water management.

BPA/High Country RC&D Ag Energy Efficiency Program

Minidoka SWCD is participating in the BPA/High Country RC&D Ag Energy Efficiency Program in partnership with United Electric Cooperative. This program offers energy-savings opportunities for businesses (including farms and ranches) where the operation requires significant energy usage.

A&B Project

Minidoka SWCD is partnering with NRCS to assist with the A&B Project. The project will consist of ten miles of pipeline to convey 118 cfs of water. The project will provide more efficient irrigation on 4,500 acres in Minidoka County.

Operations

Brian Kossman and Russ Suchan joined the Minidoka Board as supervisors. Dawn Privett was hired in June 2013 as the new administrative assistant.

Minidoka SWCD Board members attended the Spring and Fall Division IV meetings. John Firth, Brian Kossman, Russ Suchan, and Dawn Privett attended the IASCD Annual Conference.

The 2012 Co-operator of the Year award for the Minidoka SWCD was presented to Steve Bradshaw at the Awards Banquet.

Annual Educational Programs

The Minidoka Soil and Water Conservation District continues its efforts to promote conservation education to the Minidoka County youth. Teaching our youth about conservation is one of our highest priorities.

We sponsored an annual poster contest and speech contest from the annual theme chosen by the National Association of Conservation Districts. Seven elementary schools participated in the poster contest. Minidoka awarded \$50 to the top three winners in the county and \$210 in gift cards to the top three winners of each school.

Two posters from Minidoka won 1st and 3rd places at the state level.

We donated funds to the Land and Soil Evaluation Event, Idaho Ag in the Classroom, and Know Your Government Seminar.

Future Projects

In spring 2014, Minidoka will participate in the yearly tree sale with the East & West Cassia SWCDs.

Supervisors from the Minidoka Board are planning on attending the Minico High School's Ag Advisory Meetings to help educate our students and teachers about upcoming contests and activities, such as the Land & Soil Evaluation Event, Speech Contest, Scholarship Program, and Envirothon.

Minidoka has applied for a Source Water Protection Grant for community outreach to educate local farmers on the use of a no-till drill to protect water quality, improve soil health, and decrease wind erosion. Also included in the grant is a program to educate landowners about the importance of properly closing abandoned wells.

Minidoka, East Cassia & West Cassia SWCDs are applying jointly for a Conservation Innovation Grant from NRCS to purchase a no-till drill to rent out to local landowners. The program will also help supply the landowners with cover crop seed to use on their farms.



Minidoka Soil and Water Conservation District Board

John Firth	Chairman	208-431-4462	Heyburn, Idaho
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Mark Harrison	Secretary/Treasurer	208-431-0005	Heyburn, Idaho
Brian Kossman	Supervisor	208-431-5699	Paul, Idaho
Russ Suchan	Supervisor	208-260-1155	Paul, Idaho

**IDAHO SOIL & WATER
CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

**PERFORMANCE
REPORT
CERTIFICATION**

DISTRICT: Minidoka

FOR YEAR:

FY 2012/2013

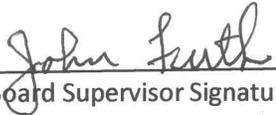
DUE :

December 20, 2013

CERTIFICATION

On behalf of my local Board of Supervisors, I hereby certify that the attached Performance Report is true and accurate, and further submit said Report for the above named District and fiscal year.

A copy of this Performance Report shall be kept at the District office and is available for public inspection.



Board Supervisor Signature

John Firth

Printed Name

December 19, 2013

Date

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