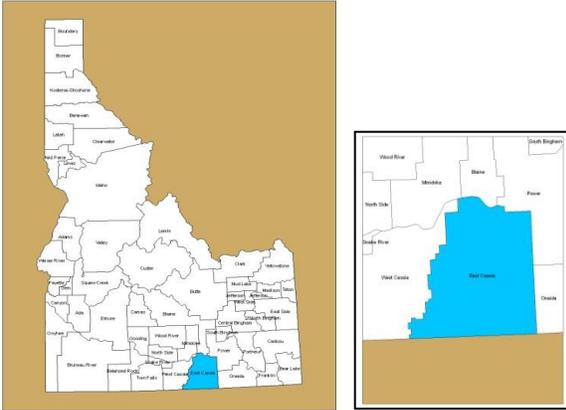


East Cassia

Soil and Water Conservation District



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SWCD Board Meetings: 1st Tuesday of the month at 1:00

Top Priorities and Resource Concerns

1. Water Resource

Encouraging good conservation practices which save water and reduce soil erosion, conversion to sprinkler systems, promote benefits of crop residue, conservation tillage, and cross slope farming practices.

2. Rangeland

Education and encouragement of brush control, range seeding, pest control, fire control practices, drought concerns, stock water improvements, and planned grazing systems.

3. Direct Seed and Cover Crops

Encouraging farmers and landowners to implement new and innovative farm practices. Educate landowners on the benefits of such practices.

4. Education

Education is a huge benefactor to the districts. The by product of educating children is that information is then passed on to the parents.

FY2014 Revenue 7/1/13-6/30/14

\$ 13,918.56	State- SWC
\$ 3,000.00	County
\$ 374.00	Farm Bill Funding-NRCS
\$ 1,205.41	Tree Sale
\$ 1,940.00	Administrative Funds
\$ 20,437.97	TOTAL

Mission Statement

To encourage responsible natural resource management and to implement conservation goals which improve air, soil, and water quality while improving wildlife habitat.

To educate both youth and adults about our local conservation practices and needs.

District Operations Accomplishments

Seedling Tree Sale

In early spring, West Cassia, Minidoka, and East Cassia SWCD's held their annual Tree Sale, selling 2,500 seedling trees to community patrons and landowners around the area. Patrons were able to buy large quantities of seedling trees for either landscaping needs or larger projects such as windbreaks. This is a great opportunity for the districts to reach out to the community and promote good conservation practices.



The districts sold thousands of seedling trees of different varieties.

Supervisor Board Meetings

Board meetings, held monthly, were open to the public and budget and financial statements were available for review.

Awards Banquet

An Awards Banquet was held March to honor landowners and farmers in the area who have been outstanding leaders in conservation efforts. Board member Richard Ward was honored as Rancher of the Year. The board also honored a Cooperator of the Year.

Project Support

East Cassia, together with West Cassia and Minidoka, were awarded a Conservation Grant that allowed the districts to purchase two direct seed drills. The districts collaborated to bring a program to the area that would promote good conservation practices. The districts will rent the drills out to landowners for test plots, as well as offer cover crop seed to landowners up to 40 acres. The grant will have a duration of three years.

Together, East and West Cassia had a booth at the local fair educating patrons on windbreaks, seedling trees, the current No-Till Drill project, and conservation concerns.

East Cassia Supervisors volunteered time to help with the Land and Soil Evaluation Event held on October 14th. FFA and 4H students from around the state gathered together to participate in the event.

Operations

In February, board supervisors met with elected Cassia County Commissioners to review the proposed budget and activities as a basis for requesting county funding. The district was awarded an increase in funding from the Commissioners.



A summer picnic was held in July. Student College scholarships were awarded.

Future Projects

In spring 2015, the districts will hold their yearly tree sale, selling seedling trees to the community and educating landowners on the benefits on windbreaks.

In 2014, East and West Cassia together distributed three newsletters to the community.

Supervisors attended the Fall Division IV meeting held in October as well as the Cover Crop Tour held before the meeting.

The districts are currently working on building a website that will allow for information to be available to the public on conservation programs, the annual tree sale, student programs, rental information of the direct seed drills, newsletters, and general district information.

A \$50.00 donation was given to High Country RC&D in support of Cloud Seeding.

Educational Accomplishments

The district will continue to work jointly with NRCS and the ISWCC to promote conservation programs.

A Natural Resource Camp scholarship of \$115.00 was awarded to one student. Scholarships were awarded to students attending Know Your Government. The district awarded three prizes for the Poster Contest; 1st place \$25.00, 2nd place \$15.00, 3rd place \$10.00. Two students competed in the Speech Contest and awards for 1st and 2nd place were given. A \$50.00 donation was given to support the Forestry Contest.

In February, the three districts will hold a Direct Seed Drill Workshop, which will educate landowners on the benefits of No-Till practices and cover crops.

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**PERFORMANCE
REPORT
CERTIFICATION**

DISTRICT: East Cassia SWCD

FOR YEAR:

2014

DUE :

December 20, 2014

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

Mark Streeter

Printed Name

December 2, 2014

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