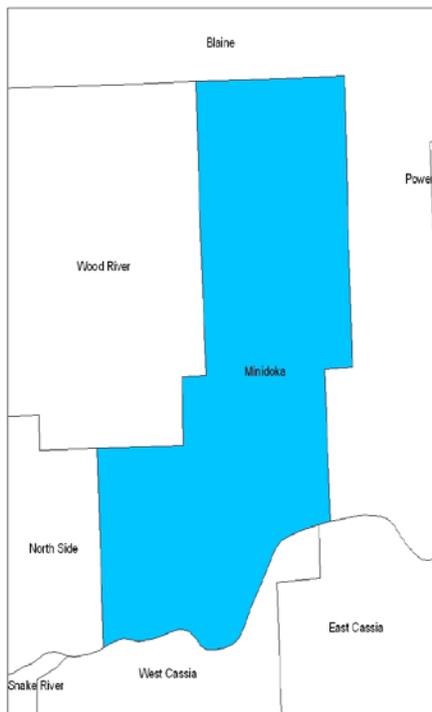


Minidoka

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 2014 Revenue (7/1/13-6/30/14)

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| \$13,918.01 | State |
| \$ 3,500.00 | County |
| \$ 3,069.00 | BPA Project |
| \$ 1,205.42 | Tree Sale |
| \$21,692.43 | Total |

Recent Projects

Minidoka SWCD supervisors have been working with Minico High School's Ag teacher and Minidoka School District administration to form an Ag Advisory Board. Supervisor Dusty Wilkins was nominated as the Board's Chairman. The Ag Advisory Board is helping our students and teachers become more engaged with upcoming contests and activities, as well as working with school officials to help the high school acquire an additional Ag teacher.

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

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

The Minidoka SWCD is working jointly with West Cassia & East Cassia SWCDs in partnership with the 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 NPAs. Minidoka County dropped from 12th to 25th in the latest Idaho Department of Environmental Quality NPA ranking because of a decreasing trend in ground water nitrate concentrations.

Two contracts have entered into their 3rd year, and an additional contract is in its 2nd year. Currently, 505 acres are participating in the program. Farmers are paid incentive payments to implement high intensity nutrient management, precision agriculture, and high-intensity irrigation water management.

BPA Ag Energy Efficiency Program

Minidoka SWCD continued participating in the final year of 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.

Operations

Dusty Wilkins joined the Board as a supervisor in November 2013. Mark Harrison resigned as a supervisor in February 2014. Justin Hunter joined the Minidoka Board as an associate supervisor in May 2014.

Supervisors and our Administrative Assistant attended the Spring and Fall Division IV meetings along with the IASCD Annual Conference in Boise.

The 2013 Co-Operators of the Year awards for the Minidoka SWCD were presented to Frank & Russ Suchan and Brian Kossman at the Awards Banquet in March 2014.

Annual Educational Programs

This year's theme for our annual poster contest and speech contest was "Where Does Your Water Shed?" 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.

The MSWCD hosted an Arbor Day Event for second-grade students at two elementary schools. They created drawings showing where they would plant a tree. All participants were given a tree seedling.

We donated funds and helped host the Land and Soil Evaluation Event at the Firth Farm in Heyburn.

A \$500 scholarship was awarded to Raylee Reeves, a senior at Minico High School.

We donated funds to Idaho Ag in the Classroom and Know Your Government Seminar.

New and Future Projects

- Minidoka SWCD is partnering with NRCS to assist with the A&B Agricultural Water Enhancement Program (AWEP) Project. The project will consist of ten miles of pipeline to convey 118 cfs of irrigation water from the Snake River. The project will provide more efficient irrigation on 4000 acres in Minidoka County and reduce ground water withdrawals from the Eastern Snake Plain Aquifer.
- The District is working with Minidoka School District to design a windbreak at Acequia Elementary School.
- Minidoka, East Cassia & West Cassia SWCDs have been awarded a Conservation Innovation Grant from the NRCS for the Mini-Cassia Direct Seed & Cover Crop Project, which will promote direct seed farming and cover crop practices in Minidoka and Cassia Counties. There will also be two John Deere 1590 15-ft. no-till drills available for rent starting in 2015. The program will also help supply the landowners with cover crop seed to use on their farms.



Minidoka Soil and Water Conservation District Board

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| John Firth | Chairman | 208-431-4462 | Heyburn, Idaho |
| Brian Kossman | Vice Chair | 208-431-5699 | Paul, Idaho |
| Russ Suchan | Treasurer | 208-260-1155 | Paul, Idaho |
| Roy Belnap | Supervisor | 208-431-1301 | Rupert, Idaho |
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**IDAHO SOIL & WATER
CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

**PERFORMANCE
REPORT
CERTIFICATION**

DISTRICT: Minidoka SWCD

FOR YEAR:

2014

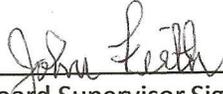
DUE :

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

John Firth

Printed Name

12/16/2014

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