

The Minidoka Soil and Water Conservation District is requesting **70 hours** of assistance for the fiscal year **2020-2021** to help prepare possible grants, research and projects that would be of value to the local growers/ producers in Minidoka County and the Soil District.

1) The Urban landowner awareness project is an ongoing event that may require some documentation of Data. The goal is to produce a commercial to be aired on local television and various forms of social media to help educate urban land owners of the proper use and disposal of chemicals such as fertilizers and pesticides that are normally used on lawns, trees, and flowers - **5 hours** -

2) Projects or needs are yet to be determined as this is a new position. So assistance may be required for the Soil Conservationist who will assist with Soil Health projects in the two counties. - **5 hours** -

3) Seek a grant or other funding to assist with locating abandoned wells and assist with the extreme cost of capping said wells. Recent tests have shown that the nitrate levels have risen in Minidoka County. Minidoka SWCD feels that a possible solution to mitigating future pollution of the water would be to assist landowners in the capping of abandoned wells so the great concentration of water is not pushed into the aquifer. We will need to appropriately approach land owners, locate the well that are no longer in use. Work with IDWR on procedure, and assist with funding – **30 hours** -

4) Soil testing with Division IV Soil and Water Conservation Districts. Three places in each of the counties were selected for the diversification of farming practices and the location of the farms for testing for soil health. The tests were first implemented in 2019 for a base to determine with future testing the value of different farming practices on the soil health. This information will be gathered and tabulated for the benefit and use of the Districts involved in teaching soil health to the area producers over the next 5-years. This is a long term project with collecting data and transforming it into usable information for local landowners/producers. This information could be beneficial for the District to share in the annual Soil Health Workshop. - **30 hours** -

**IDAHO SOIL & WATER  
CONSERVATION COMMISSION**  
**REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE**  
**CERTIFICATION**

**DISTRICT:**

minidoka

**Project or Activity Name:**

Div IV soil testing & Urban Farmer + Abandoned wells

**FOR FISCAL YEAR:**

2020

**Hours of Assistance Requested:**

70

**DUE :**

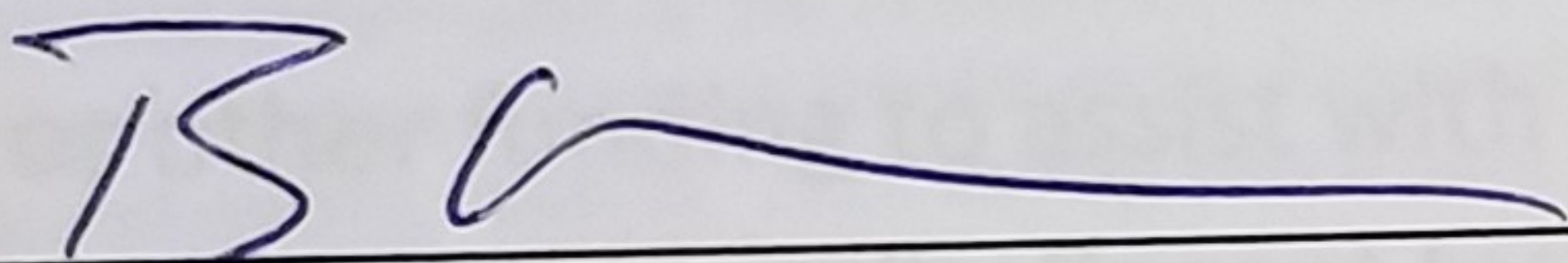
**Due:**

March 31,

**CERTIFICATION**

By concurrence of a majority of the supervisors of the district board and the above name conservation district certifies that attached Request for Assistance is true and accurate, and further submits said Request for the above named District and fiscal year.

A copy of this Request for Assistance and supporting documents shall be kept at the District office and is available for public inspection.



Board Supervisor Signature

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12 Mar 2020

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**DATE OF CONFIRMATION:**