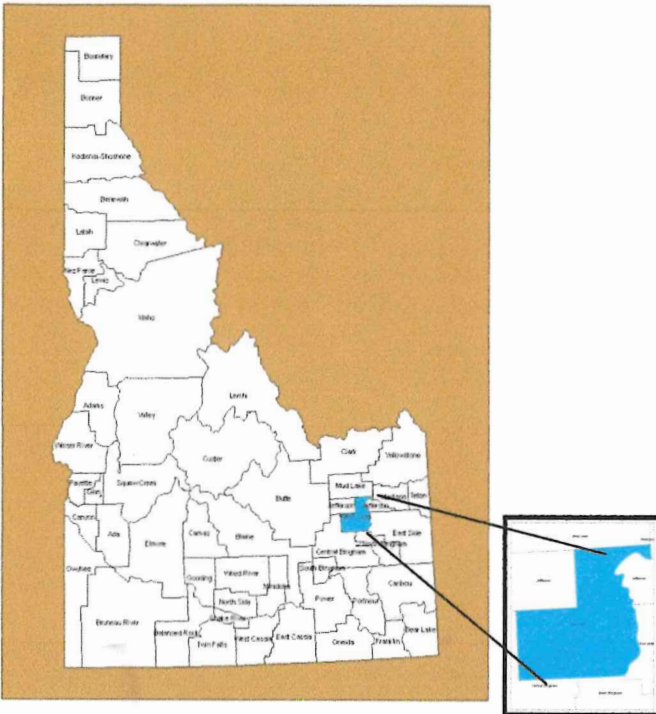


# West Side

## Soil & Water Conservation District



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SWCD Board Meeting: 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of Month

### Top 5 Natural Resource Concerns

1. Wind Erosion Control
2. District Operations
3. Irrigation & Non Irrigation
4. Education & Out Reach
5. Water Quality

### West Side Soil Conservation District Board of Supervisors

|                |                          |
|----------------|--------------------------|
| Wade Beckman   | Chairman                 |
| Gary Dixon     | Vice Chairman            |
| Louis Thiel    | Supervisor               |
| Mark Hyndman   | Supervisor               |
| Eugene Johnson | Supervisor               |
| Jeff Gihring   | Supervisor               |
| Corey Dixon    | Supervisor               |
| Joyce Smith    | District Admin Assistant |

### Continuing Recent Project

The East Side SWCD along with the West Side SWCD attended the Earth Day event at the Happyville High Tunnel Project, people were able to go thru the new High Tunnel and see how it is set up for planting, recording ground Temperature's inside, as well as outside Temperatures, and total operation controlled by solar panels



Starting off the day with gates open and staff  
Ready to start the tour of the farm



Inside High Tunnel with plants already growing



Touring the different areas of the farm and plots



Checking the bee hives for the Queen, and how many  
survived the winter

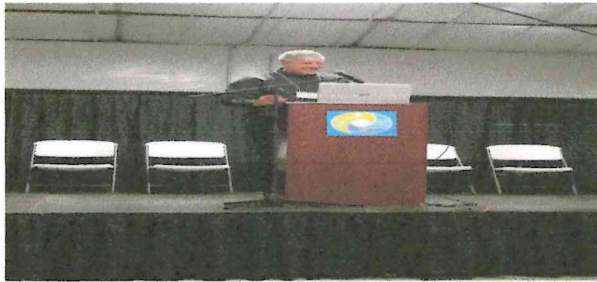
## District Operations & Education Programs

- District Administrative Assistant will continue to attend all available training and provide training to other employees of Division VI. The District Employee and Supervisors will attend or hold public work group meetings, workshops and work with staff from the NRCS, FSA, IASCD, and ISWCC.
- The West Side SWCD will continue to work with the East Side SWCD, local media, and other partners to promote District programs in order to reach the public to encourage participation on community projects.
- The District will continue to provide information and assistance on the Natural Resource Camp, Speech Contest, Poster Contest, Envirothon and IDEA. The District will provide all necessary materials and scholarship funds as needed for students to be able to participate and attend these functions.
- The Adopt-A-Canal will be in its 32<sup>th</sup> year, But 10 teams did clean areas in Idaho in April of 2023

### SOIL HEALTH WORKSHOP

REGENATIVE AGRICULTURE FEBRUARY 2023

KEITH BURNS GREEN COVER SEED KEY SPEAKER



## Continued Projects

New Outreach Project and Partnership formed with West Side & East Side SWCD'S and The Community Basket Food Group. Both District's supported the full cost of the project



Ribbon Cutting December 4<sup>th</sup>, Matt Woodard East Side, Joyce Smith Dist Admin, Claudia Pine Happy Ville Farm, Wade Beckman, West Side Nick NRCS

## Future Projects



East and West in conjunction with the Snake River Cutthroats are Partnering on a new fish screen project located in Swan Vqalley on Rainey Creek



Modifying the irrigation diversion to allow fish to return to the stream and avoid being caught in the irrigation ditch. This is a typical drum screen installation , and how the project will look after completion.

**The West Side Soil & Water Conservation District used capacity building funds during the 2023 year to hold a**

**Soil Health Workshop February 8<sup>th</sup>, 2023,**

## **Regenerative Agriculture**

**With Keith Burns from Green Cover Seed as Key Speaker talking about Carbonomics, Marlon Winger on cultural and biological means to manage soil & water resources, and local land owners talking about Changes they are making and new ways to retain their soil and crops, as well as a Demonstration of a Pilot program on no fence, and succession planning for the future generations of farmers.**

**With over 200 attending, the workshop was full of informational information.**

**Both East Side and West Side SWCD's participated in Earth Day 2023 At the farm with tours of the High Tunnel, and project expansion taking place on the property.**

**All of the Yearly Outreach Projects that Both the East Side and West Side SWCD's participate in were continued with most all of the schools on East Side and West Side with Poster contest and Natural Resource Camp, and water festival.**

**In June of 2021 The East Side SWCD joined with the West Side SWCD in a partnership with The Community Food Basket nonprofit Group called Happyville Farms and will continue with the partnership and hold tours and educational outreach projects.**