



WOOD RIVER

Soil and Water Conservation District



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SWCD Board Meetings: The second Wednesday of every month

District Priorities:

1. Source Water Depletion
2. Soil Quality Limitations
3. Degraded Plant Condition
4. Field Sediment, Nutrient and Pathogen Loss
5. Livestock Production
6. Pest Pressure
7. Air Quality
8. Insufficient Energy Use

2023 Revenue

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|--------------------------------|----|-----------|
| County General Services | \$ | 6,500.00 |
| State Funding | \$ | 26,844.48 |
| Local Tree Sale | \$ | 6,500.00 |
| Rangeland Drill Rental | \$ | 450.00 |
| Pollinator Festival | \$ | 425.00 |
| WQPA | \$ | 5,000.00 |
| Pocket Park (Community Garden) | \$ | 2,200.00 |

Total District Funds \$ 47,919.48

Future District Projects

- Tree Sale
- Arbor Day Plantings
- Rangeland Management
- Neher Park Conservation Workshop
- Trees Against the Wind Projects
- Pesticide Workshop
- Green Stripping
- Legislative Capitol Speech & Poster Contest
- Pollinator Festival
- Locally Led Meetings

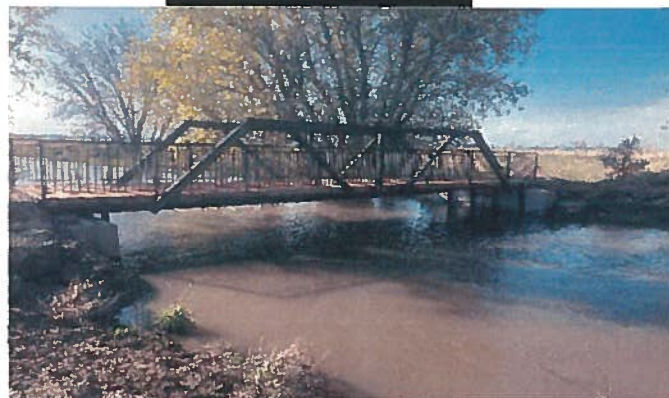
Bathrooms Installed and Bridge constructed out of flatbed truck At Neher Park!

NEHER PARK PROJECT COMPLETED!



The Wood River Soil and Water Conservation District along with the Lincoln County Commissioners held an open house Friday, June 17th to honor and say thank you to the Neher family, who donated the property in the name of conservation. Doctor Neher was a prominent man in Lincoln County and an avid outdoorsman.

Their family loved conservation and the environment and always wanted to give back to the community. We are very proud to have helped the Lincoln County Commissioners accomplish this families lifelong dream to leave something for the community in his honor. Today he would be so proud.



NEHER PARK 5TH GRADE CONSERVATION WORKSHOP!

The Wood River SWCD held their first annual 5th grade Conservation Workshop. It was held at the Neher Park 2 miles east of Shoshone on Hwy. 93/26. We entertained all of Lincoln Counties 5th graders giving them outdoor hands – on education on the following: Hydrology, Geology, Soils, Native Plants and the History of Neher Park.

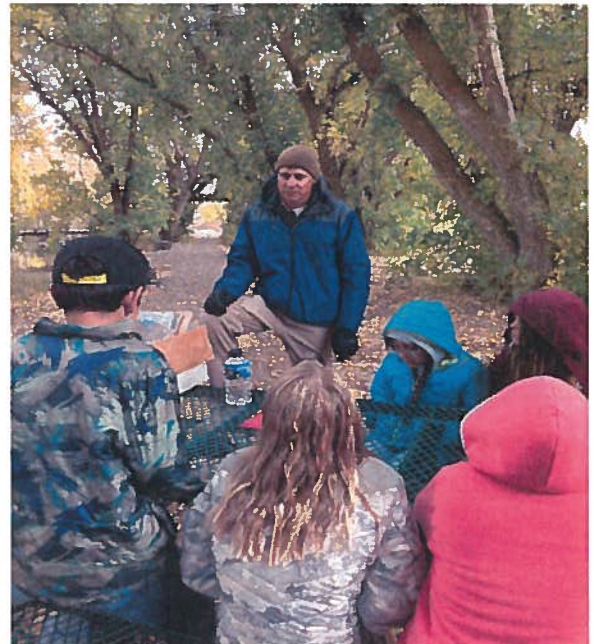
Courtney Cosdon – University of Idaho- Soils



Jennifer Hamilton – University of Idaho- Native Plants



Nathan Schutte – Coordinator of Neher Park



David Freiberg, Bureau of Land Management – Geology



Kimberlee Shulsen, North Side Canal Co. Hydrology



2023 FAIR DISPLAY

The Lincoln County Fair!

Kay Billington and DeAnn Koonce taking a break after setting up the fair display for this year's Lincoln County Fair.

We had a blast, but it's always a challenge!



Arbor Day Celebration

& Tree Planting!

The WRSWCD District continues to celebrate Arbor Day & the Community Garden & Pollinator Habitat. Below you see Barbara Messick demonstrating how to plant berries and other pollinator habitat in the garden plots to Lincoln County Youth.



POSTER CONTEST



"ONE WATER"

This year's Theme for Poster & Speech Contest! Pictured are poster winners from Lincoln County 5th graders and Presenter Derek Romer-NRCS Soil Con. and Barbara Messick, Admin. Asst.



Mayor of Shoshone-Dan Pierson, giving the proclamation.

To the right is Payson Reese, Chamber President, who recently passed away. He was a great supporter of the district and will be forever missed!

DISTRICT LEADERSHIP:

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|-----------------|-----------------|------------------|-----------------|---------------|-------|
| Carl Pendleton | Chair | (208) 420- 6401 | 50 W 620 N | Shoshone, ID | 83352 |
| Billington | Vice-Chairman | (208) 731-1511 | 669 E 1320 N | Richfield, ID | 83349 |
| Dee Koonce | Sec / Treasurer | (208) 308 - 6413 | 242 Millard Rd. | Dietrich, ID | 83324 |
| Karen Sharpnack | Member | (208) 961-1514 | 403 North 11 W | Shoshone, ID | 83352 |
| Carolyn Aoi | Associate | (208) 308-5865 | 62 Apple Street | Shoshone, ID | 83352 |

LOCALLY LED MEETING



The Local Working Group met Thursday, September 7th at the Gooding County Fairgrounds. This year the attendance was down but still had some great discussion and decisions made on the NRCS EQIP priorities and ranking as well as the IRA SPECIAL EQIP program. The meeting included Gooding, Camas and Lincoln Counties as they are TEAM 10.



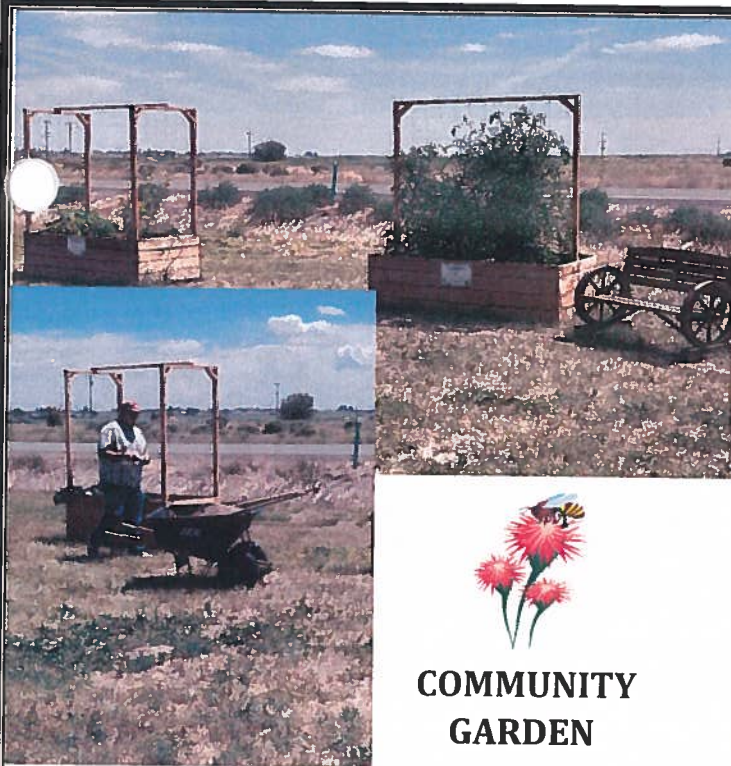
Gooding SCD Chairwoman, Kay Hults, opened the meeting.

NRCS Team Lead, Michael Potucek, ran the meeting. Representatives from BLM, Big Wood Canal Co., Idaho Fish and Game, and Tri County Weeds were in attendance.

2023 WQPA PROJECT

The Wood River SWCD applied for a Water Quality Project for Agriculture (WQPA) from the Soil and Water Commission (SWC). This was an application from Will Billington landowner north of Shoshone to install a pivot. The field had been flood irrigated for many years. By eliminating flood irrigation, it would decrease the potential for runoff of animal waste and sediment, thus decreasing the TMDL loads of bacteria, nutrients and sediment.





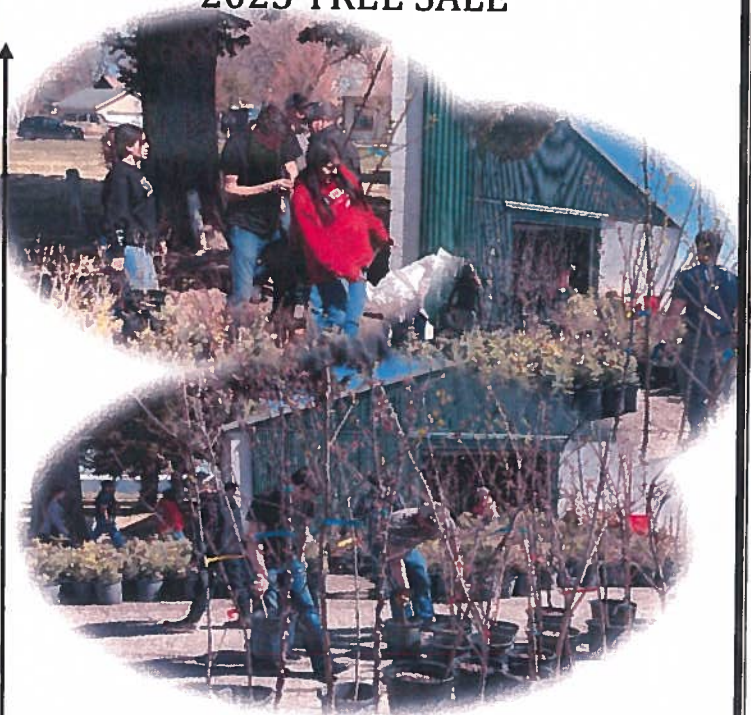
COMMUNITY GARDEN

The district would like to thank the following for funding to keep our Community Garden and Pollinator Habitat alive: St. Lukes CHIF Program, Glanbia, Lunaria Botanical Gardens, Valley Wide Agronomic, Idaho Community Foundation, Twin Falls SWCD and local contributors.



The Wood River SWCD's Supervisors!
 Carl Pendleton - Chairman
 Kay Billington - Vice Chairman
 Carolyn Aoi- Supervisor
 Dee Koonce - Secretary / Treasurer
 Karen Sharpnack - Supervisor

2023 TREE SALE

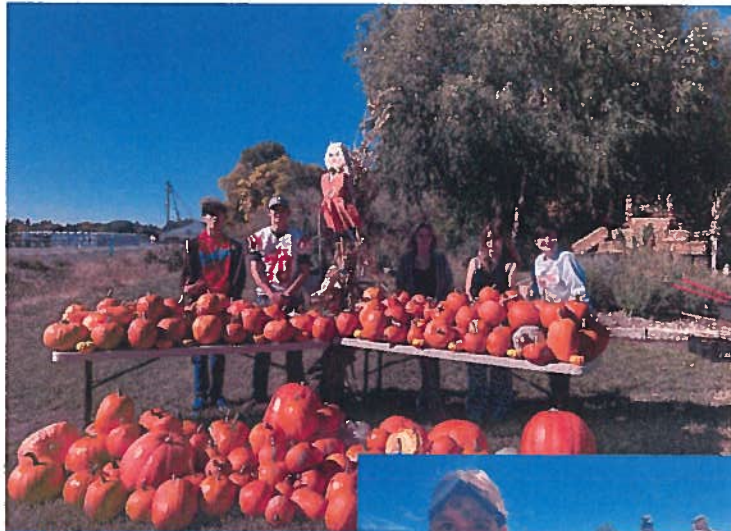


This year the Wood River SWCD held their annual Tree Sale at the Lincoln County Fairgrounds in the Merchant Building. The Garrett Cellar that we utilized since 2019 was recently taken down due to issues concerning liability. The district is grateful for the fair board stepping up to approve the district to utilize their facility. Thank you to the Shoshone Alternative School and students who stepped up to help us out. We also thank the BLM fire crew members who took charge and were amazing. They can do just about anything, and we appreciate everyone's help so very much. Thank You!



Legislative Meeting held in Lincoln County for Blaine, Camas and Lincoln put on by the Wood River SWCD to discuss program and funding needs before they head to the Capitol.

POLLINATOR FESTIVAL 2023



The Wood River SWCD's held their 3rd annual Pollinator / Fall Festival, Friday, October 6th.

In the beginning this event was planned to bring awareness to the community about the Pocket Park and what it provides. Now that it's established, we want to show off our garden plots, pockets of pollinator habitat and vertical gardens that are at the communities' fingertips and ready to be utilized.

This year for the Pollinator Festival we added many more fun activities like Pumpkin Fairy Gardens, Petting Zoo, Pumpkin Bowling, Pumpkin sweeping, and door prizes. Everything was a huge hit and we entertained around 150 kiddos along with 50 or more adults.

We have many people to thank for making this Festival happen and who contributed their time and labor preparing for the big day. Partners such as: The Shoshone Alternative School and Shoshone High School students, City of Shoshone, the Mayor, Lincoln County Commissioners, BLM, Rural Fire Dept. University of Idaho Extension, Gooding Community Garden, NRCS, Apiary-Jed McGuire, Chamber of Commerce, Shoshone 4-H Groups and so many others. Music was provided by Stephanie Dalrymple and District supervisors helped to decorate and make it a fun and educational day!

