



# **Power** Soil & Water Conservation District



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**Power SWCD Board Meetings are held  
the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of each month.**

### District Top 5 Annual Priorities

1. District Operations
2. Non-Irrigated cropland
3. Irrigated Cropland
4. Information & Education
5. Water Quality

### FY2024 Revenues

County	\$11,000.00
State Allocation	\$14,500.00
Building Rent	\$11,925.00
Tree Sales	\$7,618.59
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$45,043.59</b>

### Power SWCD Board of Directors

Ivan Permann- Board Chairman

Brett Leyshon- Vice Chairman

Marita Poulson- Secretary/ Treasurer

Jeff Stewart- Supervisor

Doug Ruff- Supervisor

### Mission Statement

***To take available technical, financial, and educational resource's, whatever their sources and focus or coordinate them so they meet the needs of the local land users for conservation of soil, water, and***

### 2024 Projects in Power County

**Power County Soil Health Project-** This year marked the end of a 3-year Power Soil Health Project 319 Grant program in Power County. With a 15ft John Deere 1590 No-Till Grain Drill, 22 landowners utilized the drill over the last three years. Thus, resulting in 3,972 total acres of direct seeding, 691 acres of which were cover crops grown for livestock grazing, soil health, and reducing soil erosion. This project resulted in a total soil saving of approximately 22,000 tons so far and will continue long into the future with the no-till drill lending program that was seeded by this project. After the final report of all participating landowners, time and effort put forth into this program, reimbursements totaling \$102,749 were dispersed amongst the landowners. An article was done by Steve Steubner of the Capital Press, "Idaho farmers, into the no-till soil health project." It can be found on [www.capitalpress.com](http://www.capitalpress.com). The continual use and support of the Drill has proven both successful and beneficial to the many landowners that reside in the area.

### Education and Public Outreach

**National Ag Day-** In March, the Power SWCD celebrated National Ag Day with the 4<sup>th</sup> grade students from J.R. Simplot Elementary in American Falls. They purchased Pizza for the students and discussed the many ways agriculture ties into the foods we eat. Educational information was handed out to be shared with the students.

## Education and Public Outreach Cont'd

**Stewardship Week Poster Contest-** This year's theme was "May the Forest Be with You Always", Power SWCD presented to the 5<sup>th</sup> grade of J.R. Simplot Elementary. They had displays of plaster prints with identifying pictures and facts of animals that live within the many layers of our Forests. Students learned about the various aspects of a forest through a presentation given to the students. This year, only 2 classes submitted posters from students, our third-place recipient was Adelia Evans, she was awarded a \$15 check. second place recipient was Lainey Dunten, she was awarded a \$20 check. Our first-place winner was Saul Fonseca Rios, who was awarded \$25 by Power SWCD for winning our local district level and was also awarded \$35 from IASCD Division V. for winning first place at the Division Level. At the Annual State IASCD Conference, Saul was in the top 10 but unfortunately didn't place at State level.



**Roger Whitnah Scholarship-** Last school year (23-24), The Roger Whitnah \$500 scholarship was made available to any Senior attending a Power County High School, Academy, etc. Unfortunately, the District received no applicants. The Board has since agreed to modifications to the scholarship that broaden and expand the interest of various students in different areas of Agriculture in hopes to attract more applications in the future.

**Natural Resources Camp-** The University of Idaho Natural Resources Camp is made available to all 12–16-year-olds. Students spend a week in Ketchum, near Sun Valley, exploring and studying Idaho's natural resources through hands-on training, experiments and projects. The Power SWCD made available 2 scholarships to cover the full registration fee of \$280 to the first 2 applicants that were interested in applying and attending the NRC. No applications were submitted. The district is optimistic in finding more ways to reach out to our youth.

**AF Botanical "People's" Garden-** Each year since the People's Garden was established, DeeJ Brown, our State Urban and Small Acreage Conservationist, has overseen the work, care and production of the garden. With the help of 4-H volunteers and community



members the garden has proven successful with providing fruit and vegetables available to anyone. Volunteers took time to help prepare the garden and set up a high tunnel made available through donations by the Power SWCD.

**Power SWCD Annual Tree Sale-** Each Year many Conservation Districts prepare for their annual tree sales. This year, Power SWCD held their first parking lot sale in conjunction with their regular orders. This made trees, shrubs and plants available to the public that had missed the ordering deadline or that had not heard of the Tree Sale locally. Banners were ordered to advertise



the Tree Sale in Power County for future sales.

Trees were available most of the year with about 1/3 of trees valuing just \$4,092 donated to local businesses, landowners and community members.

**American Falls Day-** The 2024 theme was "Party like its 99" and that's just what Power SWCD did. From the John Deere Grain Drill fully decorated and making its way down the parade route to having a booth in the American Falls City Park. The district offered useful information, answered questions and had merchandise available along with the raffling of trees. They also had their Soil Tunnel blown up for the community to walk through.



**IDAHO SOIL & WATER  
CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

**PERFORMANCE  
REPORT  
CERTIFICATION**

DISTRICT: Power County

FOR YEAR:

2024

DUE :

December 20, 2024

**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

Ivan Permann

Printed Name

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