

# Jefferson

Soil & Water Conservation District



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## Top 5 Natural Resource Concerns

1. Water Quality/Quantity
2. Irrigated Cropland
3. Weed Management
4. Wind Erosion/Windbreak Habitat
5. Information & Education

## FY 2025 Revenue

State Funding                \$29,962.03

County Funding            \$ 9,500.00

Tree sales income        \$ 5,680.49

The fiscal year runs from July 1 to June 30.

Jefferson SWCD's **Annual Tree and Shrub Sale** provides seedlings and potted fruit and landscape trees for wind breaks and yards to farms and homes in Eastern Idaho from Island Park to Pocatello.

## Recent Projects



Joe Slagowski with Kirk Jacobs, 2025 Conservation farmer of the Year for Jefferson Soil & Water Conservation District.

Kirk Jacobs was recognized as **Conservation Farmer of the Year** for 2025. He farms in Hamer. Kirk is the chairman of the Jefferson/Clark Groundwater District. Board member Joe Slagowski presented the award at the **Farmers/Merchants Banquet** in March.

The **IASCD Fall Conference**, held in Idaho Falls, was hosted by Division VI during November 2024. Jefferson SWCD's administrative assistant was part of the planning committee for the conference. The committee held a dinner to raise funds for **IASCD Auxiliary poster and speech contests awards fund**. Due to the time commitment of planning conference, no soil health workshop was held in the 2025 fiscal year.

**Soil & Range Judging for the Eastern Idaho area** happened September 2024. It took place at Justin Place Farm, where it has been hosted on alternate years for about 30 years. JSWCD stores the equipment, schedules the NRCS Soil Scientist, aids NRCS with set up, and caters lunch for the event.

For **Arbor Day**, 70 Rocky Mountain juniper trees were donated to Hamer and Terreton Elementary 4<sup>th</sup> graders. The seedlings were distributed by the Hamer Lions club.

**Dolly the Idaho Dairy Cow** visited the **Mud Lake Fair and the Rigby Fair** in August 2024. With a display of district activities, **NRCS and FSA programs** were also promoted.



Dolly visited many 4<sup>th</sup> graders during **DUP 4<sup>th</sup> Grade History Fairs** and the **Mud Lake Museum/DUP History Day**.

Jefferson SWCD participated in the **Farm Bureau Spring into Agriculture Day** held in May. The district did a seed planting station and provided **Dolly the Idaho Dairy Cow** for a dairy station. More than 130 youth planted sunflower seeds in pots to take home.



JSWCD donates to **Idaho Envirothon**. The district employee is on the board for Envirothon, held in Challis at the end of April. She assists yearly with planning and execution of the state contest.

**Annual Donations-** Idaho Ag in the Classroom, Upper Valley and State Soil Judging, State Forestry Contest, High Country RC&D Cloud Seeding and administration, NACD, IASCD, IDEA, IASCD Division VI, Rigby Fair Board, Envirothon, U of I Natural Resource Camp, College Scholarships. Donation as needed to Jefferson County Weed and Invasive Species control, providing backpack sprayers.

**Scholarships** for Jefferson County high school seniors planning to major in agriculture-related fields were awarded to 2 Rigby HS students. They will each receive \$1,000 after attending a full semester of college.

**IASCD Poster Contest, "May the Forest Be With You Always"**, was held in October 2024. Winners were all from Ririe Elementary 6<sup>th</sup> grade.

A donation was made to the **U of I ASM Team** to travel to the NACTA conference in Texas. The ag mechanics team and the precision ag team took first place in their competitions.

One registration was paid by the district for a youth leader attendee at **University of Idaho Natural Resource Camp** in June 2025.



Ground water movement demo at Rigby FFA 3<sup>rd</sup> grade Ag Days water cycle station.

Jefferson SWCD participated in **Rigby FFA's 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Field Day**, in May 2025, with a water cycle station, using district-owned water table models. Approximately 600 Jefferson County 3<sup>rd</sup> graders visited the station over the course of two days.

### Board of Supervisors

Pat Hendren	Chairman	Lanny Burtenshaw	Supervisor
Joe Slagowski	Vice-Chairman	Bob Harrop	Supervisor
Allen Lovell	Secretary/Treasurer	Rulon Barlow	Supervisor
Ryan Holman	Supervisor	Linda Patterson	Administrative Assistant

## Jefferson Soil and Water Conservation District 2024-2025 Fiscal Year Summary

- Published the annual newsletter, "The Over-View" by email.
- Held an annual tree sale as a source of trees and bushes to those wishing to establish wind breaks and landscapes, along with landscape cloth and anchor staples as per NRCS guidelines.
- Fielded calls from homeowners about plant health, gardening, and irrigation concerns. Referred them to appropriate agencies.
- Provided landscape cloth laying equipment to area landowners putting in wind breaks.
- Awarded scholarship monies to Jefferson County students who plan to attend college in agriculture-related fields.
- Dolly the Idaho Dairy Cow made visits to Mud Lake and Jefferson County Fairs, DUP history days for 4<sup>th</sup> graders and Idaho Farm Bureau Spring into Agriculture Day.
- Provided information about NRCS and FSA programs at the Jefferson County Fair and Mud Lake Fair in a display of USDA/ NRCS services, as well as information about our Conservation District mission.
- Provided support for a Soil and Land Judging event by scheduling with the farm, coordinating with NRCS & BLM, helping with set up, catering a meal, and taking down after the event.
- Served on the planning committee and helped hold Idaho Envirothon.
- Continually updated and expanded a web page promoting Jefferson SWCD and partners in conservation efforts.
- Jefferson SWCD acted as a working partner with East Side and West Side Conservation Districts as we coordinated in the Local Working Group and EQUIP ranking pool with NRCS.
- The district supported youth exposure to conservation messages through donations to or participation in events for FFA, Envirothon, U of I Extension Natural Resource Camp, 4-H, poster and speech contests, Jefferson County 3<sup>rd</sup> grade Ag Days, Jefferson County Farm Bureau Spring into Agriculture, Idaho Ag in the Classroom, DUP 4<sup>th</sup> grade History Days, and other school visits.
- Donated to High Country RC&D administrative support and cloud seeding.
- Donated to Idaho Association of Conservation Districts for legislative representation.
- Donate to other organizations such as NACD and IDEA for conservation district program support.
- In cooperation with Division VI districts, planned and held the annual IASCD Fall Conference in Idaho Falls in November.

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CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

**PERFORMANCE  
REPORT  
CERTIFICATION**

**DISTRICT:** Jefferson SWCD

**FOR YEAR:**

FY 2025

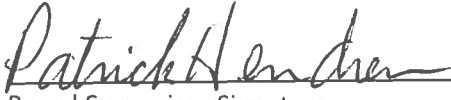
**DUE :**

**December 20, 2025**

**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

**Pat Hendren**

Printed Name

**December 11, 2025**

Date

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