



# MID-SNAKE RC&D

## Resource, Conservation and Development

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## Draft Minutes

### September 22, 2023 Quarterly Council Meeting

Breckenridge Endowment Farm (FireWise Garden), N College Rd, Twin Falls, ID 83301  
11:00 AM

#### Member Attendance:

Sec/Treas: Doreen McMurray - West Cassia SWCD  
Chairman: Heidi Tubbs - Snake River SWCD  
Sharon Hardy - Minidoka SWCD  
Rachelle Osterhout - East Cassia SWCD  
Emily Goodnight - Administrator, MSRCD  
Steven Mullen - Filer Fire Department  
Jonathan Spendlove - City of Twin Falls

#### Absent:

Bob Kunau - Cassia County Commissioner  
Vice Chairman: Terry Kramer - Balanced Rock SWCD  
Charlie Howell - Jerome County Commissioner  
Jack Johnson - Twin Falls County Commissioner

#### Guests:

Sarah Rohrbach - Southern Idaho Tourism  
Ryan Berlin - BLM  
Garry Brown - ID Forest Service  
Bill Bridges - Snake River Canyon Parks  
Brian Simper - College of Southern Idaho

- I. **Mid-Snake RC&D Quarterly Meeting called to Order by:** Secretary/Treasurer Doreen McMurray at 11:10 AM. Doreen McMurray conducted the meeting as Chairman Tubbs had a personal emergency.
- II. **Amendments to the Agenda:** Rachelle Osterhout motioned to approve the agenda with the adjustment of Emily presenting the investment account update, as Josh Rose was unable to attend due to a last minute illness. Sharon Hardy seconded. Motion carried.
- III. **Approval of the Agenda:** Sharon Hardy asked if we received the stickers for the Noxious Weed Booklets. Emily answered that yes, we did receive them, that the stickers were passed to Kali Sherrill and Jason Parker, and that the stickers were in place on the booklets that the CWMAs are passing out now. Sharon Hardy motioned to approve the minutes as listed. Rachelle Osterhout seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- IV. **Treasurer's Report:** Doreen McMurray presented the Profit and Loss YTD statement. Jonathan Spendlove motioned to approve the Treasurer's Report. Sharon Hardy seconded the motion. Motion carried. Sharon Hardy asked that we reach out to Josh Rose and discuss our CD options with our investment account.
- V. **By-Laws:** The council discussed membership, in regards to who is technically eligible. Fire departments are usually considered employees of the city, so would a city council

member and a fire department member from the same city both be eligible? Steven Mullen from Filer Fire is the only current fire department represented on the council, and they have separated from the city, so as of right now it is a non-issue. The council discussed donations from MSRCDC to other organizations. There will be an addition to add a caveat in the By-Laws that, in order to receive a donation from MSRCDC, an organization must follow the procedure for donation applications. The council discussed the attendance portion of the By-Laws and decided that we should move all mention of attendance requirements from Article IV Section 2 "Membership" to Article VII Section 7 "Participation". Jonathan Spendlove motioned to approve the By-Laws with the discussed amendments. Heidi Tubbs seconded the motion. Motion carried.

- VI. Administrator Update:** Emily Goodnight presented MSRCDC's current social media metrics and talked about recent public outreach efforts at the county fairs.
- VII. BLM:** Ryan Berlin gave a brief update on BLM projects. He recapped the Sawtooth Acres Hazardous Fuels Reduction project and said that they're hoping to get a similar project completed north of Fairfield. Ryan Berlin/BLM will present on BLM projects at the Annual MSRCDC Meeting in December.
- VIII. Idaho Forest Service:** Garry Brown, the Range Land Management Specialist for Idaho Forest Service, presented on his current situation. He has government funding for projects and partnerships, but he needs to find a partner/partners to assist with the funding distribution. The funding is required to go through another partner to be used. Garry talked about what he's looking for at the moment: treatment, inventory, and management of weeds. There are no specific projects already in place, but ID Forest Service is struggling to hire enough staff. They can use the funding for hiring incentives, herbicides, equipment, and more. Garry did bring an existing MOU that is already in place between ID Forest Service and MSRCDC that is valid until 2025. MSRCDC will proceed with the MOU agreement, and Emily and Heidi will work closely with Garry to go over files and see what information can be found about past cooperative efforts. Garry's area is the Sawtooth Range, which includes the South Hills, Burley, Fairfield, Stanley, Sawtooth National Recreation Area, and down into Utah (which is out of MSRCDC's range). Garry informed the council that ID Forest Service has a new range specialist in Burley, Chad Camp, who will also work with MSRCDC going forward.
- IX. Tax Form 990 from 2022:** Emily presented the prepared tax information from the accountant. Heidi motioned to accept the tax form as prepared. Sharon Hardy seconded the motion. Motion carried. Jonathan Spendlove signed the 990 on behalf of the Council, as he was Chairman for 2022 and his name was on the forms.
- X. Reformatted Donation Request Form:** Doreen talked about the new donation form. Heidi suggested adding the mission statement to the form, and the council agreed. It will be added.
- XI. Funding Application: Broken Bridge Repair:** Sarah Rohrbach and Bill Bridges presented the details of the project. Snake River Canyon Parks is hoping to have the project complete and open to the public by October 1, 2023. Doreen expressed some concern over the amount that was being requested (\$10,000) because the council doesn't have much income at the moment. Sharon Hardy and Rachele Osterhout expressed that because there are currently safety concerns with the state of the bridge,

this donation could help save a life. The discussion also mentioned that with the grant opportunity coming up, and the partnership with ID Forest Service, the council will have more income. Sharon Hardy expressed that the purpose of the council is to help the community, and that MSRCD's funds aren't helping the community by not being applied. Heidi Tubbs motioned to provide the full \$10,000 donation upon the receipt of the fully completed donation application form. Rachele Osterhout seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**XII. Funding Application: LSEE:** Rachele Osterhout presented on what the Land Judging event is and how it benefits the community. The event will take place on October 12th, 2023. Heidi Tubbs motioned to accept the funding application and make the donation of \$1,000 for the Idaho State FFA & 4-H Land & Soil Evaluation Event. Jonathan Spendlove seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**XIII. Heidi Tubbs brought up an instagrant opportunity** that she was recently made aware of, and presented it to the council as an opportunity for us to partner with a local farm. Emily will look into the grant and apply on behalf of the Council.

**XIV. Sharon Hardy motioned to adjourn the meeting. Rachele Osterhout seconded the motion. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 12:53 PM.**  
Interested attendees toured the Breckenridge Firewise Garden.

Respectfully submitted by Emily Goodnight.