

Jefferson Soil & Water Conservation District

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County / Counties Served: Jefferson
Legislative District(s): 35

Conservation District Function or Mission Statement

The Jefferson SWCD is dedicated to promoting good sound conservation and coordinates technical, financial, and educational assistance for responsible management that conserves and improves soil, water, and other natural resources on the land

Most Significant Natural Resource Improvement, Project, or Accomplishment

Instrumental in windbreak plantings to provide wind protection, wildlife habitat, and aesthetics. 16,135 trees & shrubs sold to 227 landowners along with 77,500 feet of fabric mulch. 13 EQIP and 2 CCRP windbreaks planted involving 46,250 feet.



Priority # 1 Weed Management Accomplishments

- Assisted Jefferson County Weed Department with cost-share agreements for Menan Leafy Spurge Initiative Projects and Roberts Knapweed Initiative. Leafy Spurge - Eight landowners participated involving about 5 acres. Knapweed – Twelve landowners participated involving about 50 acres.
- Organized and sponsored annual district weed awareness meeting reaching 60 landowners. Very successful.
- 7 news articles on weeds printed in September, March and June district newsletters.
- Teamed up with Jefferson County Weed Department and Rigby FFA to map the noxious weeds throughout the county.

Priority # 2 Irrigated Cropland Accomplishments

- Provided technical assistance, including ditch and canal surveys, to 6 cooperators to help improve their irrigation water management.
- Provided administrative assistance and submitted 40 EQIP applications for improved water management. 17 of these EQIP applications were approved.
- Promoted windbreak plantings through CCRP, WHIP, Conservation Tree Sales Program, Newsletters, and office display. Provided technical assistance on tree species, spacing, seed bed prep, planting, watering, and weed control. Assisted in planting 15 windbreaks along cropland including 46,250 feet. Very beneficial for wind erosion.
- Held Local Conservation Working Group Meeting. Instrumental in obtaining EQIP funding for surface water irrigated cropland.



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Fiscal Year 2007

Priority #3 Water Quality Accomplishments

- Provided fertilizer recommendations to 52 cooperators for nutrient management.
- Supervisor attended South Fork WAG meetings and kept the district board informed on happenings. Helped obtain funding and administered financial and clerical assistance to the WAG. No meetings held in fiscal year 07.
- Groundwater quality presentations were given to fourteen 6th grade classes and 2 scout groups.

District Operations Accomplishments

- District Employee attended all IASCD, Division VI, and IDEA trainings.
- District Supervisors attended all IASCD, and Division VI meetings.

District Information and Education Accomplishments

- Newsletter published September, December, March and June reaching 1100 cooperators each publication.
- Participated in County Fair reaching about 100 people with a weed exhibit.
- District tour held for supervisors, spouses, county weed, extension agent, commissioners, and NRCS staff. Toured Laser Land leveling project, EQIP windbreak, Leafy Spurge & Musk Thistle Bio release, Weed Mapping Site.
- Nominated cooperator as Conservation Farmer of the Year. Presented award at Rigby Chamber of Commerce Farmer Merchant Banquet in March.
- Conducted annual Conservation Poster Contest reaching 400 students. All participants received a certificate.
- Conducted annual Conservation Speech Contest.

Synopsis of financial assistance coordinated for constituents with District Conservation Partners to plan, design, and implemented Best Management Practices (BMPs) to protect, enhance, and conserve Idaho's renewable resources.

Funding Source	Purpose / Benefit	Funding Amount	Match Value ¹
Jefferson County	District Operations	4500.00	² 5715.00
State of Idaho (base funding)	District Operations	5000.00	
State of Idaho (2 to 1 match county/city funds)	District Operations	5715.00	³ 4500.00
District's Elected Officials (in-kind time)	District Operations		⁴ 2275.00
USDA Farm Programs (inclusive)	Conservation	750,117.00	

Conservation District's Elected Officials

Title	Name	E-mail and/or Phone Number
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¹ Includes actual dollars, time, equipment, labor, and materials
² State Match
³ County Match
⁴ Value of Elected Official's time



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Fiscal Year 2007

Chair	Mel Briggs	754-0054
Vice-chair	Shane Shippen	754-8573
Secretary/ Treasurer	Harvey Billman	745-6409
Member	Jason Ferguson	538-7424
Member	Richard Jacobson	745-6545
Admin. Asst.	Amanda Hickman	745-6664