

MINI-CASSIA DIRECT SEED & COVER CROP PROJECT COMMITTEE MEETING

Minutes

Tuesday, January 9, 2018

1:30 P.M.

Burley Field Office

Attendance: Ken Woodworth, Justin Hunter, Mark Webb, Russ Suchan, Brian Kossman, Brent Stoker, Richard Kunau, Madi Patterson, Doreen McMurray, Sharon Hardy-Mills.

Call to order - *Richard Called the meeting to order 1:34pm.*

Minutes of Previous Meeting – *Mark motioned to approve the minutes of the previous meeting. Russ seconded. Motion carried.*

Treasurer's Report - *Ken presented the treasurer's report. Brent Stoker asked if PA system entries were rental fees. We own the PA system. Discussed donations from Mid-Snake RC&D and Balanced Rock RC&D. Mark motioned to approve treasurer's report. Brian seconded. Motion carried.*

Beginning Balance November 3, 2017 - \$ **46,336.67**

EXPENDITURES -

1092 \$1279.00 Pro Acustics P.A. System
1093 \$ 44.41 Stotz - cases of grease
1094 \$ 615.93 Burley Reminder - newsletter
1095 \$ 49.43 Les Schuab Minidoka - tire repair
1096 \$ 56.25 Greer Trucking - jack replacement
1097 \$ 437.54 Visa - Cassia - printer
1098 void - we did not use this check
1099 \$ 702.25 Let's Go Dutch - cover crop tour
1100 \$ 150.64 Doreen McMurray - -Stokes -cover crop tour
1101 \$ 214.94 Minidoka SWCD - parts plus ink cartridges
1102 \$ 6.85 Madi Patterson - Cassia parts
1103 \$ 365.98 Pro Acustics - case for P.A. system
1104 \$ 44.41 Minidoka SWCD - case of grease
1105 \$ 600.84 Burley Reminder - cover crop mailings/flyers
1106 \$ 28.57 Burley Reminder - tour packets
1107 \$ 501.61 Northside Bus Co. - Cover Crop tour

Total Expenses \$ 5,098.65

INCOME/DEPOSITS

\$ 383.00 Schaeffer Farms - Minidoka drill rental
\$ 103.00 Terry Short - Minidoka drill rental
\$ 399.00 Keith Mabey - Cassia drill rental
\$ 991.00 Carl VanTassell - Minidoka drill rental
\$ 116.00 Schaeffer Farms - Minidoka drill rental
\$1684.90 Luke Adams - Minidoka drill rental
\$ 336.00 Colebee Knudson - Cassia drill rental
\$ 330.00 Ryan Wilkins - Minidoka drill rental
\$ 974.00 Forrest Arthur - Minidoka drill rental
\$ 517.00 5-S Sanderson - Minidoka drill rental
\$ 172.00 Raul Michel - Minidoka drill rental
\$2009.00 Ted Tateoka - Minidoka drill rental
\$ 777.00 Carl Van Tassell - Minidoka drill rental

\$ 141.08 Miguel Farfan - Minidoka drill rental
 \$6544.00 B& H Farms - Minidoka drill rental
 \$ 985.00 Sure Shot - Minidoka drill rental
 \$2677.00 Luke Adams - Minidoka drill rental
 \$ 744.00 Scott Stevenson - Minidoka drill rental
 \$ 10.00 #12 CIG payment final
 \$ 229.39 Don Halverson -Minidoka drill rental
 \$1000.00 RC&D Snake River - workshop 2018
 \$ 205.00 Grant 4-D -Minidoka drill rental
 \$ 300.00 ISACD & BMZ booth space workshop 2018
 \$ 450.00 Simplot & Agri Source booth space workshop 2018
 \$1000.00 Balanced Rock RC&D - workshop 2018

Total deposits \$23,077.37

BALANCE ON HAND \$ 51,320.97

I. DRILLS:

Update signs on drills: (208) 572-3369 is the new burley office number. Signs have not been taken in yet. Cassia sign has been taken off. Minidoka sign needs taken off still.

Annual maintenance: The drills have been taken to Stotz. Minidoka's drill is ready to go. Ken suggested changing the hydraulic hoses to avoid injury and possible lawsuits. Discs are starting to wear and need to be replaced next year. The estimated cost for discs is \$3600 for parts only. Minidoka will look at hoses and replace them themselves. Cassia drill bolts have broken. Brent Stoker asked if we want to consider what it would take to trade the drills. There will be a point where the number of renters drop off. How long do we want to continue to rent out drills? The committee will need to weigh maintenance cost against trade cost. A lot of the acreage on the Minidoka were one time CREP acres. Talk to Stotz about trade in cost.

Winter Storage: Minidoka drill will be stored by Aaron Firth. Richard will store the Cassia drill. Brent Stoker will check on both drills after the meeting to ensure the seed tubes are properly winterized. Storage fees will be paid after winter.

II. 2017 Seed Reimbursement - (grant money is spent, match funds still in account)

\$5400 from Grant / \$5400 from Match Funds for each year.

Paid out in	2015	\$ 5,544.50
	2016	\$ 7,065.00

2017

Committee reviewed the two applications received for the seed rebate. One is an actual cover crop mix that is eligible. Another is a single cash crop that is not eligible. The Committee discussed rolling over excess funds allotted to the seed rebate for upcoming year. Ken suggested holding to a 2 species minimum requirement to avoid problems with people applying with cash crops. Brian Kossman motioned to award Allen Sandersen a total of \$1132.50. Justin seconded. Motion carried.

Ken suggested keeping the criteria for the seed rebate as is.

Doreen reviewed the grant.

Mark Webb motioned to extend seed rebate beyond the 3 year grant funding period. There is \$18,658 allotted for future seed rebates. Brent seconded.

III. Grant Closure

Sharon presented the final report she submitted to NRCS.

IV. 2018 Budget: *The Committee reviewed the budget vs. actual. There is no budget beyond end of the grant. Minidoka SWCD LSO reporting requires an approved budget. Doreen suggested that most of the things on the budget can be left as is. Doreen suggested budgeting \$11,000 for the Soil Health Workshop due to the growth of the event. The Committee discussed budget items such as, donations and foreseeable repair costs. Russ would rather ask for donations than charge an entry fee for the workshop. Sharon will put together a new, simplified budget and e-mail it to the Committee for approval. Drill rental income and donations will be averaged out.*

Cover crop tour – The Committee discussed the cover crop tour and whether or not to include it in the budget. 2017 Tour cost was \$3000. The future budget will include \$200 for the Tour. The Committee discussed the benefits and set-backs experienced with the Tours so far. The Committee discussed how the Tour assists agency employees see things from a producer standpoint. The Committee discussed the time frame of future tours. There is a weather window. Harvest is running during the same time. The Committee discussed the possibility of hosting the Tour in September. Justin suggested a virtual tour that could be presented similar to something Rocky Mountain Agronomics has. Video clips and interviews from growers could be used to present to those producers who could not attend the tour. Madi will check with Beau and Carli on price to film the tour. Add cinematography cost to advertising – around \$1500 more to advertising. \$3000 will be the total budget for advertising.

V. 2018 Soil Health WORKSHOP -

Gabe Brown \$5,784.32

Agenda

Funding -

Table Displays \$150 (Luke Adams, BMZ, AgriSource, Vantage NW, ISWCC)

Donations (\$1,000 RC&D, \$1,000 TF SR BR districts, \$1,000 DLEvans, \$500 Marlon)

Breakfast w/ Gabe for Agency & Supervisors

Menu

SWAG?

Door Prizes - tablet donated by Luke Adams, _____

Meet & Greet to follow workshop

Dinner w/ Gabe FFA Students & Advisors *topic ideas? _____

Gabe Brown breakfast, 2 supervisors from each of the districts in division 4, NRCS staff, and the committee are invited to breakfast with Gabe. There will be a 20 minute presentation on how agency people can better serve their farmers and a Q&A session. There could be 22 supervisors, at least 4 DCs, Presenters, agency employees in attendance.

Gabe's Transportation: Shane will be asked to pick Gabe up from airport in Twin and leave his car for Gabe. Brent will be backup for Shane.

FFA meet: This will take place at the new Ag Building at the Burley Highschool. The biggest conflict is sports. Supervisors are invited. Gabe will talk about why he loves farming and how the kids can get involved and be the future of agriculture.

The Committee discussed advertising tactics.

Menu: Idaho potato bar with shredded beef. Doreen will ask Gabe about featuring his grass fed beef.

Handouts: Committee reviewed some of the handouts we have been receiving at the office to use for the Soil Health Workshop.

Door Prizes: The 3 districts will donate a YETI cooler (\$350 range). Luke Adams has purchased a Samsung tablet.

Discussed Agenda. Discussed panel.

Doreen will update the brochure to include in the packets. Discussed what other handouts to put into the folders.

Brent Stoker motioned to authorize Doreen to purchase door prizes and handouts at a \$1500 limit. Russ seconded. Motion carried.

Adjourn: Russ motioned to adjourn. Brian seconded. Meeting adjourned at 3:58pm.

Note: *The Board may hold an executive session to discuss legal and personnel matters pursuant to St Idaho Code § 67-2345.*