

Direct Seed Committee Meeting Minutes

March 8, 2018

3:00 pm Rupert Field Office

In Attendance:	Richard Kunau	Mark Webb	Brian Kossman
	Brent Stoker	Ken Woodworth	Russell Suchan
	Doreen McMurray	Jessica Anderson	Dusty Wilkins
	David Mabey		Sharon Hardy-Mills

Meeting called to order by Chairman Richard Kunau at 3:10 pm. Minutes from previous meeting were reviewed. Brent Stoker made motion to accept minutes. Mark Webb seconded. Mark Webb later made motion to amend minutes changing the word "swag" to "door prizes". Brent seconded. Motion carried. Committee Treasurer Ken Woodworth reviewed all expenditures and income. Expenditures added to the report was:

check #1125 \$1085.08 to Stotz for drill repairs, and
\$103.53 for office supplies.

Total expenses \$26,195.36.

Added to income was \$809.00 from Arthur Farms. Corrected Deposit \$10,527.75.

Balance on hand \$35,653.36.

Mark Webb motioned to approve treasurers report with the 3 additions. Russ Suchan seconded the motion. Motion carried. Brent made motion to reimburse Doreen for one printer ink cartridge (receipt presented). Mark Webb seconded. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

I. Brian Kossman presented Minidoka's supervisor assignments to the Direct Seed Committee. They have appointed **Dusty Wilkins as a Direct Seed Committee member**, removing Justin Hunter from Committee.

II. Current signers on Direct Seed Account are Richard Kunau, Russ Suchan, Ken Woodworth, and John Firth. Brent Stoker made a motion to **add Brian Kossman as a signer** on the Direct Seed account and to have the bank allow **Sharon access to manage the account**. New signers will be Richard Kunau, Russ Suchan, Ken Woodworth, and Brian Kossman. New signers need to go into DL Evans Bank and create new card.

III. DRILLS: Maintenance by Stotz is complete for both drills. Minidoka drill has already been rented this year. Cassia drill is ready for pickup but will leave there for Stotz to use in ground prep close to the river near their property. Cassia phone number has changed, Jessica took Cassia sign in for update. Richard will put the updated sign on the Cassia Drill.

IV. Reviewed the **2017-2018 BUDGET spreadsheet**. Discussed several changes to budget including titles reflecting fiscal years. Committee discussed disc replacement, cost being approx \$6,000 (parts and labor) for each drill. Discussed a supervisor doing the labor. Sharon and Jessica will update budget. Mark Webb made motion to accept the basic budget amounts. Russ Suchan seconded. Motion passed.

V. Russ motioned for purchase of the following **office supplies**: 3 cases paper (2 Cassia, 1 Minidoka), 2 rolls of stamps (1 for ea office), and printer ink cartridges for each office. Ken Woodworth seconded motion. Motion passed. Sharon will purchase supplies.

VI. Discussed the possibility of a college scholarship. Committee decided no scholarship would be provided at this time.

VII. **Soil Health Workshop Evaluation 2018** - Workshop was a great success. 311 people in attendance. Burley Inn did a great job with unexpected large group. Lunch and breaks, and facilities and set up were all great. Gabe Brown (keynote speaker) extremely knowledgeable and related very well to audience. Other speakers were also excellent, bringing in valuable dairy and soil health information. Less appreciated was one UofI speaker being negative in his comments. The added cost for the jumbo-tron screens and sound system was well worth it. Display tables could be charged a higher price in future years. Committee wants to keep workshop free of charge.

Ideas were discussed for the 2019 Soil Health Sustainability Workshop. Discussed possible speakers ie: Jay Fuhrer, Shane Holt, Brad McIntyre, Luke Adams, Brendan Rockey, Rob Giesbrecht (Am Falls potato grower). Doreen will call Gabe Brown for suggestions. Would like to include more info on cover crops for cattle and cover crops that support cash crops. Doreen will plan possible schedule of speakers.

VIII. Tour - No tour for 2018. Instead of tour, we will look into possibility of having a **Cover Crop DEMO PROJECT** to be located behind the Burley Field Office. Ideas: early cover crop to tour mid-summer, Brent suggested a "Back to Eden Gardening" demo plot using drip tape, a spring planting, and mulch cover. David Mabey will check with landowners and on irrigation source. Will ask Jason Thomas (new Extension for Minidoka Co.) to help. David Mabey also suggested a biofumigation experiment in potatoes or sugar beets. Marlon Winger has 1-2 acres of seed available for an experimental plot.

IX. Executive Session Roll Call: Richard Kunau, Mark Webb, Brian Kossman, Russ Suchan, Brent Stoker, Ken Woodworth, Dusty Wilkins all present.

After Executive Session pursuant to *St Idaho Code §74-206(1)(A)(B)*, Chairman Richard Kunau announced a one-time bonus for employee Doreen McMurray for her work organizing the 2018 Soil Health Workshop.

Mark Webb motioned to adjourn. Meeting adjourned 5:35 p.m.

Submitted by Doreen McMurray, Sharon Hardy-Mills, and Jessica Anderson.

Note: The Board may hold an executive session to discuss legal and personnel matters pursuant to St Idaho Code §74-206(1)(A)(B).