

MINI-CASSIA DIRECT SEED & COVER CROP PROJECT COMMITTEE MEETING
MINUTES

Thursday, November 2, 2017

1:00 P.M.

Burley Masonic Lodge 1539 Overland Ave (following Cover Crop Tour)

Call to order - *Richard called the meeting to order at 1:33 pm.*

Minutes of Previous Meeting – *Russ Suchan motioned to approve minutes as presented, Brian Kossman seconded. Motion carried.*

Treasurer's Report - Beginning Balance June 13, 2017 - \$22,216.05

EXPENDITURES -

1091	22 Feb	Burley Reminder - flyers and Letterhead	\$ 127.20
1092	8 Aug	Proacustics - sound system	\$1279.00
1093	10 Aug	Stotz - case of grease	\$ 44.41
1094	15 Aug	Burley Reminder - newsletters	\$ 615.93
1095	18 Aug	Les Schuab - front tire	\$ 49.43
1096	18 Aug	Greer Trucking - jack	\$ 56.25
1097	8 Aug	Visa - Cassia printer	\$ 437.54
1098	October	void was not used for return postage	

Total Expenses \$ 2609.76

DEPOSITS

Bill Wickel - Cassia Rental	\$ 1490.00
Grant reimbursement	\$ 3600.00
Greg Thain - Minidoka Rental	\$ 460.00
Albert Rameriz -Minidoka Rental	\$ 398.00
Bart Bowers - Cassia Rental	\$ 865.00
Diet-Rich Organic - Minidoka Rental	\$ 393.00
Doug Tuma - Minidoka Rental	\$ 1104.00
Heber Loughmiller - Cassia Rental (2016)	\$ 394.83
Diet-Rich Organic - Cassia Rental	\$ 579.00
Miguel Farfan - Minidoka Rental	\$ 262.00
Frank Jensen - Minidoka Rental	\$ 237.00
TR2 LLC - Cassia Rental	\$ 84.00
Michael Garner - Minidoka Rental	\$ 146.00
Albert Cottle Ranch - Cassia Rental	\$ 525.00
Searle Bro. Land and Livestock - Cassia (2016)	\$ 715.57
Schaeffer Farms - Minidoka Rental	\$ 383.00
Terry Short - Minidoka Rental	\$ 103.00
Keith Mabey - Cassia Rental	\$ 399.00
Carl VanTasell - Minidoka Rental	\$ 991.00
Schaeffer Farms - Minidoka Rental	\$ 116.00
Timm Adams Farms - Minidoka Rental	\$ 1684.90
Colbee Knudsen - Cassia Rental	\$ 336.00
Ryan Wilkins - Minidoka Rental	\$ 330.00
Forrest Arthur - Minidoka Rental	\$ 974.00
5-S Allen Sanderson - Minidoka Rental	\$ 517.00
Raul Michel - Minidoka Rental	\$ 172.00
Ted Tateoka - Minidoka Rental	\$ 2009.00
Carl VanTasell - Minidoka Rental	\$ 777.00
Miguel Farfan - Minidoka Rental	\$ 141.08
B&H Farms - Minidoka Rental - Both drills	\$ 6544.00

Total deposits \$ 26,730.38

BALANCE ON HAND \$ 46,336.67

The Committee discussed the new sound system. Doreen suggested purchasing a carrying case. Richard suggested going to Welch Music to see if a case could be made. Brian motioned to authorize Doreen McMurray to appropriate a carrying case for the sound system. Russ seconded. Motion carried.

Doreen presented the Treasurer's Report to the Committee. The Committee reviewed item K from previous minutes. There are still items that have not yet been purchased. Russ motioned to pay the bills as presented. Brian seconded. Motion carried.

I. Drills:

Drill Rental updates as of Oct 31, 2017

	Total Acres	2017 Acres	# of Rentals
Minidoka	3,295.9	1,456.3	23
Cassia	2,017.5	859	11

Minidoka's acreage counter may not be working properly. The Committee will check out the drill today after the meeting.

The Committee discussed who from the list of renters would possibly purchase their own drill. The purpose of the grant was education – allowing producers to try our drills so they might buy their own. The Committee discussed what their purpose might be going forward.

Repairs - new hoses, step repair, new pin & chain needed..... Madi purchased a new pin and chain for the Cassia drill. The step was repaired, and paint touched up by a renter. Madi will take a day off of his rental fee for the repairs. Hoses can wait until end of year maintenance.

Update signs on drills – The phone number on the Cassia drill is no longer correct. The Committee suggested taking the signs to Graphx signs on West Main. The Committee discussed putting both phone numbers on each sign. Signs will be updated during annual maintenance before the drills go to Stotz.

Annual maintenance – Drills will be taken to Stotz again for annual maintenance. Hydraulic hose replacement will need to be requested. Brian will make an appointment after Thanksgiving contingent upon possible rentals during that time.

Winter Storage - Aaron Firth and Richard will store the two drills. 2017 storage fees will be discussed in the Spring.

2018 Rental Fee (idea: remove 1st day fee) - Russ motioned to remove first day rate fee. Brian seconded. Motion carried.

Advertising – Currently we are advertising in our own newsletter. Russ suggested throwing an ad on Craigslist or KSL. Sharon sent letters to previous renters in the spring to remind them of the benefits of no-till and of the drills availability.

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

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

2015 \$ 5,544.50

2016 \$ 7,065.00

2017

Russ suggested changing the 3 species requirement in the rebate. The Committee discussed the possibility of awarding rebate money for single species cover crops, so long as they are not cash crops. The Committee reviewed the rebate applications received so far. The Committee will review rebates January 9th meeting. (After West Cassia's board meeting. 1:30. Burley office).

III. END the GRANT (August 31, 2017)

Madi presented the quarterly report, and request letter. Committee offered input. The Committee discussed the intent of the project going forward. The intent will be reevaluated Summer of 2018.

IV. 2017 Admin Reimbursements to districts – *2017 Admin fees will be paid at the January meeting. **Future reimbursements** - Admins will continue to track admin time. Supervisors will not be reimbursed for mileage or time. **Future progress reports & time records** - Doreen suggested compiling all grant records in a binder for each office. Annual reports will go into binders and an Annual report will be presented at JUNE 2018 meeting.*

V. TOUR evaluation - *The Committee discussed improvements. Need more producers. 1st week of November is good for beet guys. Harvest gets in the way. Discuss more at January meeting.*

VI. Print more letterhead and/or brochures? *Print more letterhead*

VII. 2018 Soil Health WORKSHOP -

Gabe Brown \$5,784.32 – *We have Gabe all day. Committee discussed how to use him. Brian suggested having Gabe speak to the FFA kids.*

Agenda – *The Committee reviewed the tentative workshop agenda.*

Meeting Adjourned.

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