

MINI-CASSIA DIRECT SEED & COVER CROP PROJECT COMMITTEE MEETING

Tuesday, March 17, 2020

12:30 P.M. Burley Masonic Hall

MINUTES

In Attendance: Chairman Richard Kunau, Committee Members Mark Webb, Brent Stoker, and Vice-Chairman Brian Kossman, Admin: Doreen McMurray, Sharon Wilmot, and LaRae Warren.

Direct Seed Committee joined in discussion with East Cassia and West Cassia Supervisors regarding the Idaho Soil and Water Conservation Commission controversy and the Commission's positive contributions made by Commission Employee in our local offices. Lunch from Jimmy Johns was followed with a presentation by Jackie Jamison on Division IV Soil Testing Project. Mini-Cassia Direct Seed & Cover Crop Project Committee Meeting was officially called to order by Chairman Richard Kunau at 1:40.

Minutes of the Previous Meeting were reviewed. Brian Kossman made a motion to accept the minutes from November 5, 2019 meeting. Mark Webb seconded. Motion passed. Committee did a financial review of expenses and income, discussed future financial needs, and reviewed the Treasurer's Report. Brian Kossman made a motion to accept the treasurer's report. Brent Stoker seconded. Motion passed.

Committee reviewed minutes from the last meeting concerning acquiring a credit card for new Burley Admin. LaRae Warren will work on getting this done. Committee member Brent Stoker made a motion to remove Russ Suchan as a Committee member and to update signature cards to include Chairman Richard Kunau, Treasurer Ken Woodworth, Vice-Chairman Brian Kossman, and Committee member Dusty Wilkins as signers. Minidoka Admin Sharon Wilmot will take a copy of the minutes to D.L. Evans Bank in Paul to make these changes.

Reviewed Drill repairs that have been completed. Drills are back and are already being rented.

Presented Admin hours that were spent on Direct Seed activities during 1st half of FY19-20. Mark Webb made a motion to reimburse districts for Admin expenses. Brian Kossman seconded. Motion passed.

Discussed the Seed Rebate program. **Mark Webb made a motion to end the seed rebate program at the end of 2020. Brent Stoker seconded. Motion passed.**

Discussed the success of the 2020 Soil Health Workshop. Approx. 270 people attended the workshop. Those attending were mostly from Idaho but there were some from Utah and a few from other surrounding states. The committee discussed the controversy of the keynote speaker. Sometimes we learn more when what we think we know is being challenged. Ideas for 2021 Soil Health Workshop were presented including possible increased funding and speaker ideas. Doreen McMurray will send speaker information to committee members. Committee members will attend the Mid-Snake RC&D meeting this fall when the Workshop donation request is made to the RC&D committee. Mark Webb made a motion to purchase printer ink for Doreen McMurray and both offices, stamps, printer paper, and digital pointers. Brent Stoker seconded. Motion passed.

Brent Stoker presented suggestions for future goals of the Mini-Cassia Direct Seed & Cover Crop Project to correlate with the life left in the drills. (Discussion, no decisions.)

Committee went into executive session to discuss personnel matters pursuant to Idaho State Code 74-206 (1) (a) Employee compensation. Motion made by Brent Stoker, 2nd by Mark Webb. Roll Call: Brent Stoker, Mark Webb, Brian Kossman, Richard Kunau. At 3:00p.m.

Results of executive session Bonus for a job well done on the workshop to Doreen McMurray of \$2000.00 (for both 2019 and 2020), to Sharon Wilmot \$750.00 and LaRae Warren \$250.00

Meeting dismissed at 4:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by Doreen McMurray and Sharon Wilmot.

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