

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

Date: November 11, 2021 @ 11:00

Location: Minidoka Fairgrounds  
McGregor Building  
85 East Baseline Rd. Rupert

In Attendance: Richard Kunau (Chairman)  
Brian Kossman (Vice-Chairman)  
Ken Woodworth (Treasurer)  
Dusty Wilkins (Member)  
Brent Stoker (Member)  
Sharon Hardy (Minidoka Admin)  
Rachelle Osterhout (Cassia Admin)  
Doreen McMurray (Cassia Admin)

Meeting was called to order at 11:10 am by Vice-Chairman Brian Kossman.

Minutes of the Previous Meeting (November 10, 2020) approved through a motion by Dusty Wilkins. Seconded by Brent Stoker. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report reviewed in detail by Treasurer Ken Woodworth. Motion to accept Treasurer's Report made by Brent Stoker. Seconded by Dusty Wilkins. Motion passed.

I. **Budget** was reviewed. Richard Kunau made the motion to accept the FY22 budget as presented with one change – to lower the proposed budget amount for the workshop in 2022 from \$21,000 to \$20,000. Ken Woodworth seconded the motion. Motion passed.

II. **Future GOALS for the Direct Seed & Cover Crop Project:** The committee discussed the future of the drills and their value with the possibility of selling one or both drills and possibly purchasing a larger drill. No decision made. They will address the idea at their next meeting. Discussed drill rental costs. Ken Woodworth made the motion to raise the drill rental fees to \$75 a day and \$15 per acre with Admin discretion on the day rental charge when there is bad weather or break-downs. Richard Kunau seconded. Motion carried. They discussed the workshop. The February 2022 workshop (7<sup>th</sup> one) will be their last Soil Health Workshop of this magnitude. They discussed re-directing their focus to another topic, possibly nitrate concerns. The committee will continue meeting periodically as needed.

III. **Drill Repairs:** Admin presented a list of needed repairs for each drill. Brent Stoker made the motion to have both drills taken to Ag Vantage (Jeff Jarolimek) for repairs as soon as the planting season is over. Richard Kunau seconded. Motion passed.

IV. **Loaning the Drills.** The committee reviewed the policy on loaning the drills. Ken Woodworth made the motion to rescind the loaning decision. The drills will NOT be loaned. They are for renting out only. Dusty Wilkins seconded the motion. Motion carried.

V. **Insurance Binders.** Admin expressed their frustration in acquiring insurance binders for drill rentals. Dusty will talk to Farm Bureau. Committee told Admin to put the responsibility on renters to provide the insurance binder information before they take the drill. Farmers must contact their insurance agents and have binders emailed to Admin before drills go out. Sharon Hardy will update the drill rental contract to reflect insurance requirements.

VI. **Admin Hours** spent on Direct Seed activities for the FY2021 (July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021) were presented. (East Cassia \$1,284.50, West Cassia \$1,284.50, Minidoka

\$2,219.00) Dusty Wilkins made the motion to reimburse districts for Admin fees as stated in original grant. Ken Woodworth seconded. Motion passed. (Admin hours chart is available on the November 11, 2021 meeting agenda.

VII. **2022 Soil Health WORKSHOP** – will be on Thursday, February 3, 2022 at the Burley Best Western Inn & Convention Center. Doreen McMurray provided handouts to committee that were submitted to Mid-Snake RC&D as the request for a \$1,500 donation. Rachelle Osterhout reported that RC&D passed the request and we will receive funds soon. Doreen reviewed the agenda, floor plans, fund raising, advertising, guest speakers, speaker charges, and other expenses and adjustments to the workshop. Some changes to the 2022 workshop will be adding extra speakers in the back of the room, having 2 main keynote speakers, printing posters to display at stores and offices, and purchasing better pens. Committee requested that pens have a stylus. If Marlon Winger is not allowed to attend due to covid restrictions, one of the keynote speakers (David Little) will take the “Soil Basics 101” break-out session. Businesses interested in a display booth will be charged \$450 and/or large door prize (price can be adjusted to reflect their donation). Committee wants pocket knives again as door prizes, increasing the number available. Doreen will update the drill rental brochure and have copies printed for both offices and the workshop. Richard Kunau made the motion to pay for guest keynote speakers \$1,250 each plus their travel expenses, advertising, posters, flyers, and postcards, hotel and meal expenses, and handouts and door prizes as similar to past years. Brent Stoker seconded. Motion carried.

VIII. **Supplies needed:** Office supplies needed are: payment for Web domain, zoom contract, Printer ink for Cassia and Minidoka ink contract, dry erase markers with board and erasers, sticky notes, paper clips, binder clips, plastic cover sheets, 1/2” binders, and bankers storage boxes. Richard Kunau made motion to purchase needed supplies. Dusty Wilkins seconded. Motion passed.

Meeting was adjourned by Brian Kossman at 12:22 pm.

*Minutes submitted by: Doreen McMurray (East & West Cassia I & E Specialist) and Sharon Hardy (Minidoka Admin)*