

## Tri-District Board Meeting / Tri-District Project Committee

DRAFT MINUTES – July 12, 2023 BOARD MEETING

**Place:** Minidoka 4-H Building

**Date:** July 12, 2023

**Time:** 11:00 AM

**Tri-District Presiding:** Richard Kunau

**West Cassia Presiding:** Richard Kunau

**Agency Representatives:**

David Mabey, NRCS

Jason Thomas, U of I

### East Cassia Supervisors Present

Rob Cottle – Chairman

Ken Woodworth- Treasurer

Kurt Heward- Member

Rachelle Osterhout, Admin

### **Not Present:**

Mark Webb- Associate Member

Steve Ward- Vice Chairman

Hannah Sanders- Member

### Minidoka Supervisors Present:

Reid Bowen, Vice Chairman

Lance Lovell, Treasurer

Luke Stevenson, Member

Jeff Schow, Member

Sharon Hardy, Admin

### **Not Present:**

Dusty Wilkins, Chairman

### West Cassia Supervisors Present:

Richard Kunau, Chairman

Jordan Searle, Vice Chairman

Chad Searle, Member

Doreen McMurray, I&E Specialist

### **Not Present:**

Ken Black, Treasurer

Brent Stoker, Member

Kyle Bowers, Associate Member

This Tri-District Project Committee meeting was held as part of the July Board meetings for the 3 districts. See each District's meeting minutes for their individual minutes.

## ACTION ITEMS

### **I. Tri-District Project**

- Admin Fees:** Direct Seed Admin Time Sheet was presented for review. The hours reflect from January 1, 2023 to June 30, 2023. Minidoka's total hours were 107.8 and Cassia's were 186.2. Admin Reimbursement per hour is \$17.50. Ken Woodworth, East Cassia Supervisor and Treasurer of the Tri-District Project Committee (formerly the Direct Seed & Cover Crop Project committee) made the motion to approve the admin fees: East Cassia \$1629.25, Minidoka \$1886.50 and West Cassia \$1629.25. Luke Stevenson, Minidoka Supervisor and Tri-District Project Committee member, seconded the motion. Motion Carried.
- Innovative Moisture Monitoring Project:** Reid Bowen shared information about a soil monitoring probe from the brand Sentek. They use 1 device per field and it is 24 inches long with an antenna. It monitors every 4 feet in depth. The data is sent to the website. Reid said the website is very user friendly. The grower calibrates the monitor from the website. These sensors need to be removed before harvesting. The device is \$500. The board would like to move forward with Sentek. Sharon will reach out to the company for information and possible project ideas. The board would like to start advertising this fall and start the project in February 2024. There will be 12 probes per district. Richard Kunau requested \$6,000.00 from each district to fund the Moisture Monitoring project. Each District made their own motion to contribute \$6,000 toward the project. Motion was passed by all 3 District Boards.
- Direct Seed Drill Project:** The board is still interested in adding another implement to this project. They would like information on the AgriService Sunflower drill and John Deere drill. Admin will gather information. Doreen McMurray will cancel the equipment quotes from Magic Valley Equipment.
- Tri-District Supervisor Scholarship:** No scholarships from the Tri-District Project account this year. The Committee would like to review the possibility again next year.

**Adjourn:** 12:29 PM

*Minutes respectfully submitted by Doreen McMurray.*