SDCUC & SDCGA

Joint Board Conference Call

March 26, 2018

**SDCUC Director Present:** Reno Brueggeman, , Laron Krause, Ben Roling, Grant Rix, Ryan Wagner, Robert Walsh and Jim Klebsch

**SDCUC Directors Absent:** Nick Jorgensen

**SDCGA Directors Present:** Keith Alverson, Jeff Burg, Mark Gross, Troy Knecht, Steve Masat, Doug Noem, Scott Stahl, John Smith, Gary Duffy and Travis Strasser

**SDCGA Directors Absent:** Steve Halverson and Bob Schmidt

**Others Present:** Lisa Richardson, Teddi Mueller, Randy Hascall, Lorna Riemer and Justin Minneart

1. SDCUC President Ryan Wagner and SDCGA President Troy Knecht called the conference call to order at 8:00 am on Monday, March 26, 2018.
2. Motion made and supported to approve minutes for the September 7th Joint Board Meeting, the September 25th Executive Committee Conference Call, the October 4th Joint Board Conference Call, the December 20th Joint Board Conference Call and the January 9th Joint Board Conference Call. Motion Approved.
3. Motion made and supported to approve the SDCUC October, November, December, January and February financials. Motion Approved.
4. Motion made and supported to approve the SDCGA October, November, December, January and February financials. Motion Approved.
5. Motion made and supported to approve the agenda. Motion Approved.
6. **SDCUC Election of Officers:**

Meeting was turned over to Vice President Robert Walsh

**President Nominations:**

Ryan Wagner

Motion made and supported to cease nominations and cast unanimous ballot to elect Ryan Wagner to the President’s position for the SDCUC. Motion Approved.

The meeting was turned over to President Ryan Wagner.

**Vice President Nominations:**

Robert Walsh

Motion made and supported to cease nominations and cast unanimous ballot to elect Robert Walsh to the Vice President’s position for the SDCUC. Motion Approved.

**Secretary/Treasurer Nominations:**

Laron Krause

Motion made and supported to cease nominations and cast unanimous ballot to elect Laron Krause to the Secretary/Treasurer’s position for the SDCUC. Motion Approved.

1. **SDCGA Election of Officers:**

 Meeting was turned over to Vice President Doug Noem

**President Nominations:**

Troy Knecht

Motion made and supported to cease nominations and cast unanimous ballot to elect Troy Knecht to the President’s position for the SDCGA. Motion Approved.

The meeting was turned over to President Troy Knecht.

**Vice President Nominations:**

Doug Noem

Motion made and supported to cease nominations and cast unanimous ballot to elect Doug Noem to the Vice President’s position for the SDCGA. Motion Approved.

**Secretary/Treasurer Nominations:**

Scott Stahl

Motion made and supported to cease nominations and cast unanimous ballot to elect Scott Stahl to the Secretary/Treasurer’s position for the SDCGA. Motion Approved.

1. The SDCUC board went through their 2016-2017aduit report from EideBailly.

Motion was made and supported to accept the SDCUC 2016-2017 audited financial statements from EideBailly. Motion Approved.

1. The SDCGA board went through their 2016-2017aduit report from the Woltman Group.

Motion was made and supported to accept the SDCGA 2016-2017 audited financial statements from the Woltman Group. Motion Approved.

Motion was made and supported to approve the Growers 990. Motion Approved.

1. Lisa gave the SDCUC 2018-2019 budget outlook.
2. John Hinners with USMEF joined the board by conference call to present their proposal for the 2018-2019 budget year.
3. Lyndsey Erb with USGC joined the board by conference call to present their proposal for the 2018-2019 budget year.
4. Chris Novak with NCGA joined the board by conference call to present their proposal for the 2018-2019 budget year.
5. National programs budget discussion took place where the board evaluated current programs.

Motion was made and supported to put the 2018 – 2019 National Programs budget at $1,116,000. Motion Approved.

1. Promotion and Education budget discussion took place where the board evaluated current programs and talked about incorporating a farmer sellback program into the mix starting immediately.

Motion was made and supported to put the 2018 – 2019 Promotion and Education budget at $1,820,000. Motion Approved.

1. Market Development budget discussion took place where the board evaluated current programs and talked about continuing work on the carbon project and putting a heavier focus on bringing more livestock development projects to the state of South Dakota, whatever the species. Precision Ag building will receive a $500,000 payment in the 2018-2019 budget year and SDCUC will be working to set up a Precision Ag endowment to bring the right person in to head up the PAG facility at SDSU.

Motion was made and supported to put the 2018 – 2019 Market Development budget at $1,975,000. Motion Approved.

1. Research budget discussion took place where the board evaluated current programs and talked about working closely with NRCS and Pheasants Forever on projects.

Motion was made and supported to put the 2018 – 2019 Research budget at $450,000. Motion Approved.

1. **2017-2018 Budget Discussion:**

National Budget: $1,116,000

P&E Budget: $1,820,000

Market Development Budget: $1,975,000

Research Budget: $450,000

SDCGA Grants, Administration and Refunds: $1,740,000

1. Motion was made and supported to accept the 2018-2019 overall budget of $7,101,000. Motion approved.
2. The board had a discussion to fund SD Ag in Rural Leadership (SDARL)program. A long discussion was held and several suggestions were thrown out on how to participate with this group.

Motion was made and supported to fund SDARL at $20,000 for class ten. The board as that we ask the group to put a focus on talking to the group about the importance of check-off groups in the state. They also wanted to make sure that they don’t accept refunders into this program or at least ask them not to refund anymore. They also want SDARL to encourage them to be members of their grassroots organization. Motion approved.

1. Motion was made and supported to table the proposal to fund Woster Celebration hall at SDSU. Motion Approved.
2. Lynn Tjeerdsma with Senator Thune’s office called in and visited with our board about the upcoming Farm Bill battles and our board voiced their concern on protecting crop insurance.
3. Teddi gave the board an wrap-up update on the 2018 legislative session. Two big wins for the Agriculture this session was the funding of the precision ag building and the flooded and private lands law was made permanent.
4. **Delegates to National Groups:**

**SDCGA NCGA Delegates:** Doug Noem, Troy Knecht and Scott Stahl

**SDCUC NCGA Delegates:** Laron Krause and Reno Brueggeman

**SDCGA NCGA Alternate:** Mark Gross and Keith Alverson

**USGC Delegate:** Ryan Wagner

**USGC Alternate:** Travis Strasser

**SDCGA USMEF Delegate:** Steve Masat

**SDCGA USMEF Alternate:** Jeff Burg

**SDCUC AUSD Delegate:** Laron Krause

**SDCGA ACE Delegate:** Troy Knecht

**SDCUC NREC Delegate:** Robert Walsh

1. **Trip Approval**
* Troy Knecht - Ace Fly In, March 21-22– Washington D.C.
* Jeff Burg and Steve Masat – USMEF Spring Conference, May 30 – Dallas, TX
* Troy Knecht and Ryan Wagner – Governor’s Ag Summit, July 11-12 – Rapid City, SD
* Doug Noem, Troy Knecht, Scott Stahl, Laron Krause, Reno Brueggeman, Mark Gross and Keith Alverson – Corn Congress, July 16-19 – Washington D.C.
* Travis Strasser and Ryan Wagner - USGC Board of Delegates Meeting, July 30 – Aug 1 – Denver, CO
* Troy Knecht - Annual ACE Conference, UG. 15 -17 – Minneapolis, MN
* Scott Stahl - Leadership Academy, Jan.27 – 30 – Washington D.C.
1. **Staff Updates**
* Teddi gave the board an update on the Annual Meeting and a discussion was held of what went well and what didn’t. The board spoke about the 2019 Annual Meeting speakers and topics.
* Teddi talked to the board about the upcoming Corn Cob Open on June 14, 2018, which will be held at the Spring Creek Golf Course. They were reminded to get their teams in early because if fills up fast.
* The board was informed and encouraged to apply for the Leadership Academy. Applications are due by March 30.
1. Both boards submitted trip reports and no-one had questions on the reports.
2. Motion made and seconded to adjourn the meeting. Motion Approved.