

SOUTH DAKOTA WHEAT COMMISSION MEETING
November 17, 2015
Mitchell Technical Institute, Mitchell SD
Minutes

Present:

Commissioners:	Chet Edinger, SDWC Terry Hand, SDWC Clinton Vanneman, SDWC Leo Warrington, SDWC Darrell Davis, SDWC
Ex-Officio:	Dr Daniel Scholl, SDSU
Staff:	Reid Christopherson, SDWC Caren Assman, SDWI

Call to Order:

Chairman Edinger called the meeting to order at 9:31 a.m.

Approval of Agenda:

Corrections to agenda: Dates for Ag Horizons activities, November 30 to December 2, 2015

Additions to agenda: Surface Transportation Senate Bill

South Dakota Soil Health Coalition Membership

Proposed Four-State (MT, ND, SD, MN) Meeting in Fargo, January 2016

Commissioner Vanneman moved to approve agenda with corrections/additions, seconded by Commissioner Davis. Motion approved.

Approval of Minutes:

Commissioner Warrington moved to approve August 25, 2015 Minutes, seconded by Commissioner Hand. Motion approved.

I. Financial Reports

A. Review August, September and October 2015 Financials

Christopherson presented August, September and October 2015 financials. Discussion took place.

Commissioner Vanneman moved to approve the August 2015, September 2015 and October 2015 financials, seconded by Commissioner Hand. Motion approved

B. Fiscal Year 2016 Receipts, Expenditures and Cash Flow

Discussion took place.

C. Fiscal Year 2016 Budget Updates/Funding Requests

Discussion took place.

D. Multi-Year Payment Projects

Discussion took place for the following potential early payment projects:

- National Association of Wheat Growers
- State Fair 4-H Building
- Rail Project
- SDSU Greenhouse

II. Production Forecast
A. 2015 Production Estimates

Discussion took place.

III. SD Department of Agriculture Discussion

A. Updates

Christopherson provided an update on recent staff changes within SDDA.

Note: Dr Daniel Scholl, SDSU arrived at 10:20 a.m.

IV. SDSU Discussion

A. Updates

Dr Scholl reported on the following activities with discussion taking place:

- Green House, Seed House, Head House
- DNA Sequencer
- Precision Ag
- Call for Research Proposals
- Spring Wheat Variety Release Meeting
- Staff Changes
- McFadden Symposium; April 17-20, 2016, San Antonio TX
- McFadden Graduate Student Scholarship

Commissioner Vanneman moved to amend the FY16 Budget increasing the “Scholarships” line item by \$1,050 to provide \$50 for administration costs and \$1,000 towards a McFadden Scholarship for a graduate student studying Cereal Science Breeding or Pathology. The contribution will be matched by similar contributions by Foundation Seed Stocks of South Dakota and South Dakota Crop Improvement Association for an annual \$3,000 scholarship. Seconded by Commissioner Davis. Motion approved

V. Staff Reports

A. Assman – South Dakota Wheat, Inc.

Assman reported on the following activities with discussions taking place:

- Ag Horizons Conference
- Wheat Yield Contest

B. Christopherson:

Christopherson reported on the following activities with discussions taking place:

- Activity Update
- Annual Report / Variety Survey
- State Fair Nordby Hall Project
- HRS Asian Visit – Consulting Fee
- Commissioner Hand’s Appointment Expires 2015
- Replacement for Commissioner Davis
- Christopherson – Annual Leave during December 16-21, 2015
- Surface Transportation Senate Bill
- South Dakota Soil Health Coalition Membership

Commissioner Davis moved that the South Dakota Wheat Commission become a member of the South Dakota Soil Health Coalition, seconded by Commissioner Warrington.

Motion approved.

VI. Market Development

Christopherson reported on the following activities with discussions taking place:

A. Rails to the Future

B. U.S. Wheat Associates

Christopherson reported on the U.S. Wheat Associates meeting at Lake Tahoe NV during November 4-6, 2015.

C. National Association of Wheat Growers

Christopherson reported on the National Association of Wheat Growers meeting at Lake Tahoe NV during November 4-6, 2015.

D. Northern Crops Institute

Christopherson discussed the upcoming meeting of the NCI Board of Directors and Advisory Board to be held in Minneapolis MN during November 19-20, 2015.

VII. Administrative Matters

A. Upcoming Events

Discussion took place.

B. Travel Approval

- Proposed Four-State Meeting (MT, ND, SD, MN) during late January 2016, Fargo ND - Chairman Edinger, Commissioner Hand, Commissioner Vanneman, Commissioner Warrington, Commissioner Davis, Christopherson
- U.S. Wheat Winter Meeting, February 3-6, 2016, Washington D.C. - Chairman Edinger, Commissioner Hand, Commissioner Vanneman, Commissioner Warrington, Commissioner Davis, Christopherson
- Commodity Classic, March 3-5, 2016, New Orleans, LA - Chairman Edinger, Commissioner Hand, Commissioner Vanneman, Commissioner Warrington, Commissioner Davis, Christopherson
- McFadden Symposium, April 17-20, 2016, San Antonio TX - Christopherson

Commissioner Vanneman moved to approve travel as presented, seconded by Commissioner Hand. Motion approved.

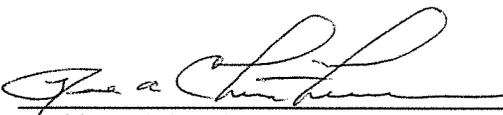
C. Commission Meeting Date

November 30, 2015, 1:00 p.m., South Dakota Wheat, 116 N Euclid, Pierre SD

Commissioner Davis moved to adjourn the meeting at 11:54 a.m. Meeting adjourned.

Following adjournment the Commission dined in the MTI Oak Room and toured the MTI Campus.

 11-30-15
Clinton Vanneman, Commissioner Date

 11/30/15
Reid A. Christopherson, Executive Director Date

For the purpose of continuity, the minutes may not be in chronological order.