**South Dakota Pulse Crops Council**

**Council Meeting Minutes, January 27, 2022**

**Roll Call** was taken at 7:05 pm CST – Present members were Chairman David Neuharth, Brad Karlen, Terry Ness, Tyrel Eisenbraun. Also attending was Brian Walsh, SD DANR and grower, Leigh Leesman. Staff attending was Ruth Beck. This meeting was held over zoom.

Chairman Neuharth introduced Leigh Leesman and Brian Walsh. Leigh may be joining the council to fill the vacant position. Brian is Director of Public Affairs at SD DANR. He is serving as interim liason to the boards until a permanent person is hired to fill this position.

**Agenda**

Brad Karlen moved to approve the agenda as presented. Tyrel Eisenbraun seconded the motion. Motion passed.

**Minutes**

Ruth Beck read the minutes of the last meeting held on October 1, 2021. Brad Karlen moved to approve the minutes of the meeting 0n 10-01-2021 as written. Tyrel Eisenbraun second. Passed

**Financial Report**

Ruth presented the financial report with the Profit Loss Detail report and the Balance Sheet representing the activity in the state account between July 1, 2021 through January 26, 2022. Tyrel Eisenbraun made a motion to approve the financials. Brad Karlen second. Passed

**Bills:** There are two bills that need to be paid. One is for the cost of the first half of the SDSU 2022 VarietyTrials ($5450.00) and the second is for Ruth’s labor/time and includes an expense item for her registration to the Ag Horizons Conference ($1045.00). Tyrel Eisenbraun moved to pay bills as presented. Brad Karlen seconded the motion. Motion passed.

**Old Business:**

**Activities:**

**Meet with Governor**-Dave and Brad met for a pre legislative session meeting with the Governor at her home. They felt this was a good opportunity. They made some connections with Jerry Schmitz regarding developing a shipping container outlet in Sioux Falls. Brad will keep in touch with Jerry about this.

**Ag Horizons**- Brad and Ruth attended. Attendance down but still good under current circumstances. Ruth said the marketing panel went well. She was very appreciative to the three people who made up the panel; Brent Reck at Puris, Shannon Plehal, Anchor Ingredients and Guy Christianson with ADM in ND. There were 10-12 people in attendance and the conversation was very good.

**Logo for SD PCC-**the group would like to develop a logo. Terry and Leigh will look into this.

**Trifold Brochure-**Ruth has someone who will design a trifold brochure to promote the council and activities. She will work on content and get a quote for next meeting.

**Commodity Solicitation Notices:** Ruth provided a list of producer emails to the NPGC. They have submitted the names and these individuals should currently be receiving notification when the USDA puts out a large tender for peas, lentils or chickpeas. More emails can be added if anyone knows someone who is not getting these notifications and would like to receive them.

**Vacant Board Position:** This position will be filled by Leigh Leesman from Leesman Ranches at Blunt.

**New Business:**

**Washington, DC trip, Feb. 1-4, 2022.** Tyrel will attend sessions he is able to and Ruth will fill in if necessary. There is an info meeting on Monday, January 31. Both Ruth and Tyrel will try to attend.

**SD/NE Reciprocity Agreement-** Brad Karlen is in contact with the NE group. They are still waiting on approval from their Attorney General for this agreement.

**Shirts:** Board would like to get shirts. Need logo first

**Meeting dates/frequency:** Discussion on how often to meet. Some suggested that we should meet more frequently than four times/year. Also perhaps we should have a specified day (ie third Thursday of every other month). Dave would like to see us have another meeting on early March. People should send Ruth dates that work the first two weeks of March.

**Communication within Board:** Brad Karlen suggested that we develop a protocol for voting on items outside of meetings. This would help business to flow easier.

**Other Activities:**

**Winter peas:** Winter pea varieties are improving through genetics. These could really benefit SD producers but at this time they need more winter hardiness. Should we look at making financial contributions to a genetic program to support development of winter peas? Chris Graham, SDSU (Sturgis) is working on testing varieties and looking for ones that are adapted to our climate. At this time they need more winter hardiness.

**Grower Meetings:** the board would like to host a grower meeting in SD next winter. (on Feb 13-15 there is a meeting of the Pulse Crop Working Group. This group is made up of extension & research people from the US and Canada. Ruth Is hoping to attend virtually. A good place to keep up on current research.

**Liaison & Reports for SD Pulse Crops Council**

**Reports:**

**USADPLC Board** – Brad Karlen

**USADPLC Variety Release Committee** -Brad Karlen

**Info/Gov committee** -Tyrel Eisenbraun

**Communication:** vacant

**Research** – Jason Miller, no report

**International Marketing** – open

**Domestic Marketing** – Ruth Beck-no report

**Adjournment –** Motion to adjourn by Brad Karlen. Seconded by Terry Ness. Passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Ruth Beck

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