SDCUC Board Meeting

June 22, 2021

SD Corn Office

**SDCUC Directors Present:** Grant Rix, Chad Blindauer, Jim Ketelhut, Robert Walsh, Justin Minnaert, Stuart Samson & Reno Brueggeman

**SDCUC Director Absent:** Jim Klebsch

**Others Present:** Lisa Richardson via Zoom, Teddi Mueller, Heather Neugebauer, Tom Parker, Julia Fulton, Brenda Kruse, Mark Smither, Katie Breberg, Cody Chambliss, Hunter Roberts, Jason Simmons, SDSU president Barry Dunn, Mark Sandager, Bill Gibbons and Jim Ristau

1. SDCUC President Grant Rix called the meeting to order at 10:00 am on Tuesday, June 22, 2021.
2. Motion made and supported to approve the agenda. Motion Approved.
3. Motion made and supported to approve the final April 2021 financials. Motion Approved.
4. Motion made and supported to approve the DRAFT May 2021 financials. Motion Approved.
5. Motion made and supported to approve the SDCUC May 19, 2021 Zoom call minutes. Motion Approved.

1. Tom Parker with Limestone Accounting Firm gave a quick introduction. Limestone took over the SD Corn books June 1.
2. **Executive Committee Report:**

The travel policy was updated and presented to the full board. They all agreed that it looked good. Board members signed a Conflict of Interest policy for 2021. An update was given on the end of fiscal year payments. SDSU commitments will be fulfilled by July 1.

1. The board all gave their Refunder Information Program updates. The board would like the staff to do a physical mailing to farmers twice per year (keeping in mind that we do an annual report) in South Dakota talking about the benefits of the check off (return on investment). No budget was attached to the ask. This year there will more than likely be only one mailing with the Annual Report. The staff is to proceed with the project.
2. Mark Smither and Katie Breberg with Paulsen gave an update on the upcoming ad campaign. The board agreed to proceed with the 2021-2022 ad campaign for This Is Farming with the amount that is budgeted.
3. Cody Chambliss with PUC gave an update on PUC elevator audits and bonding issues.
4. The board took a break for lunch and gave field reports.
5. DANR cabinet secretary Hunter Roberts and Jason Simmons gave the board an update of how things are going since the SDDA and DENR merger took place.
6. President Barry Dunn gave an SDSU Update on Precision Ag final stages and grand opening. He also presented to the board on the Bioprocessing facility and made a formal ask of $2 million to the board for the Bioprocessing facility.
7. Motion made and supported to fund the SDSU Bioprocessing facility at $2 million over the next 7 years under the condition that the facility contain and use bio-based products if available. Motion Approved.
8. Bill Gibbons gave an SDSU research update and provided research preproposals to the board.
9. Jim Ristau gave a sustainability update.
10. Office updates were given on: sponsorships, podcast and future meetings and events.
11. The board agreed to go ahead with the $100,000 donation to Feeding South Dakota, which is included in the 2021-2022 budget. They would like to find an event to present this donation to them.
12. The board agreed to move forward with the $5,000 SDARL sponsorship for 2021-2022, which is included in the 2021-2022 budget.
13. The board agreed to move forward with the 2021-2022 funding of the Showdown Series at $120,000, which is included in the 2021-2022 budget.
14. Motion made and supported to sponsor the Harvest Night Stockyards event at $10,000. Motion Approved.
15. **Trip Pre-Approval:**

Corn Congress-July 12-15 in New Orleans for Grant Rix and Chad Blindauer.

Robert has a conflict and will not be able to make it to the ACE meeting in August.

1. Motion made and supported to pre-approve Grant and Chad to travel to the Corn Congress meeting in July. Motion Approved.
2. President Grant Rix asked for public comment. There was none.
3. Motion made and supported to adjourn the meeting. Motion Approved.