

**South Dakota Soybean Research & Promotion Council Special Board Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, September 1st, 2020 8:00 a.m.**

Via Zoom Teleconference

Present: Tim Ostrem, Chairman; David Struck, Vice Chairman; Todd Hanten, Secretary; Dawn Scheier, Treasurer; Craig Converse, Mike McCranie, Heather Beaner, Jason Frerichs, and Ardon Wek

Staff Present: Jerry Schmitz, Executive Director; Becky Cypher, Executive Assistant; Adam Kask, Market Development & Research Director; Paul Van Sloten, Accounting Manager; and Mariah Kessler, Communications Specialist

Guests Present: Jeff Thompson, SDSA

Call to Order– Chairman Tim Ostrem

Chairman Ostrem called the meeting to order at 8:03 a.m.

Roll Call – Chairman Tim Ostrem

Chairman Ostrem took roll call. All nine board members are present on the Zoom meeting today.

Conflict of Interest – Chairman Tim Ostrem

Chairman Ostrem asked board members to declare any new conflicts of interest since the last board meeting. None were reported.

Mishek & Associates Proposal – Peter Mishek, Mishek & Associates

Peter Mishek joined the call to discuss a proposal he submitted to the Council. He said he received a request from AGP to see if any QSSBs would be interested in funding part of the Central European Study Group. Peter said he's hoping four or five states will contribute funding in addition to AGP's funds. Peter gave an overview of the proposal and thanked the board for letting him present today and appreciates the board's consideration.

Mike McCranie moved to fund Mishek & Associate's Central European Study in the amount of \$4,452. Seconded by Craig Converse. Roll call was taken. Motion passed unanimously.

SDSU Precision Ag Discussion – Mark Sandager, SDSU Foundation

Jerry introduced Mark Sandager with SDSU Foundation. He said Mark gave Tim and Jerry a tour of the Raven Precision Ag building last month, and Tom Slunecka from Minnesota Soybean joined them.

Mark thanked the board for allowing him to present and said he's looking for financial contribution today. He gave a construction update on the Precision Ag building and showed a short video.

Todd Hanten moved to contribute one million dollars to SDSU for the Raven Precision Ag Center at SDSU; \$500,000 to be paid this fiscal year; and \$250,000 to be paid each of the next two years, contingent upon Council approval each year. Seconded by Ardon Wek. Roll call was taken. Eight in favor, one against. Motion passed.

Public Input

Chairman Ostrem called for public input at 10:38 a.m. None received.

Other Items

Jerry said Becky submitted a delinquent expense report and would like board approval. One report is in the amount of \$430.07 and one for \$247.37.

David Struck moved to approve Becky Cypher's delinquent expense report in the amounts of \$430.07 and \$247.37. Seconded by Craig Converse. Roll call was taken. Motion passed unanimously.

Adjourn

Craig Converse moved to adjourn the meeting at 10:45 a.m. Seconded by David Struck. Roll call was taken. Motion passed unanimously.