

## **South Dakota Soybean Research & Promotion Council Board Meeting Minutes**

**Tuesday, January 4, 2022**

Via Zoom Teleconference | <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82685092777>

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

**Guests Present:** Jordan Scott, SDSA President

**Staff Present:** Jerry Schmitz, Executive Director; Becky Cypher, Executive Assistant; Adam Kask, Market Development & Research Director; and Mariah Kessler, Communications Specialist

### **Call to Order – Tim Ostrem**

Chairman Ostrem called the meeting to order at 1:01 p.m.

### **Approval of Agenda – Tim Ostrem**

**Ardon Wek moved to approve the agenda. Seconded by David Struck. Motion passed unanimously.**

### **Producer Survey Discussion**

#### **Review & discuss draft Producer Survey from Aimpoint Research**

Jason reminded the board that Todd, Mike, and Jason are on the survey committee. He said through a series of graphs and a meeting with Aimpoint Research, the final work product has been distributed to everyone to review for this meeting.

**Mike McCranie moved to remove question “*If your contribution to the soybean checkoff were refundable, would you ask for your money back?*” from the producer survey. Seconded by David Struck. Roll call was taken. Motion passed unanimously.**

**Craig Converse moved to remove question “*How likely is your operation to implement environmentally sustainable production practices compared to other operations in your area?*” and add question “*Which, if any, of the following practices or products have you adopted in your farm operation? Conservation leases, Buffer strips, Reduced tillage, Soil testing, Precision ag, Split nutrient applications, Cover crops, Restoring Wetlands, Biodiesel*”. Seconded by Dawn Scheier. Roll call was taken. Motion failed.**

**Heather Beaner moved to remove question “*How likely is your operation to implement environmentally sustainable production practices compared to other operations in your area?*”. Seconded by David Struck. Motion passed.**

**Mike McCranie moved to add SDSA’s membership question “*Are you a member? Why or why not?*” wherever it fits, to be paid for by SDSA. Seconded by Dawn Scheier. Motion passed unanimously.**

**Mike McCranie moved to approve the survey as amended. Seconded by Heather Beaner. Motion passed unanimously.**

**Department of Agriculture and Natural Resources Funding Request  
Funding request for 2022 Governor’s Ag Summit**

The Council received a letter from Secretary Roberts requesting sponsorship of the Governor's Ag Summit.

**Heather Beaner moved to fund the 2022 Governor's Ag Summit in the amount of \$5,000. Seconded by Dawn Scheier. Seven in favor, one opposed (Ardon Wek). Motion passed.**

**Public Input**

Chairman Ostrem called for public input at 1:39 p.m. None received.

**Adjourn**

**Dawn Scheier moved to adjourn the meeting at 1:45 p.m. Seconded by David Struck. Motion passed unanimously.**