

**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.



Jason Frerichs, Secretary
SD Soybean Research & Promotion Council

Date Approved