

**South Dakota Corn Utilization Council (SDCUC)  
Board of Directors Meeting  
March 1, 2023  
MINUTES**

**I. Call to Order**

The South Dakota Corn Utilization Council (SDCUC) Board of Directors meeting was called to order by President Chad Blindauer at 9:06 AM on Wednesday, March 1, 2023, at the SD Corn office, 4712 S. Technopolis Dr., Sioux Falls, SD.

**II. Pledge of Allegiance**

President Blindauer led all present in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

**III. Members Present**

- Nick Fickbohm
- Justin Minnaert
- Doug Noem
- Chris Nickeson
- Jay Esser
- Reno Brueggeman
- Chad Blindauer
- Jim Ketelhut

**Others present**

DaNita Murray, Amanda Bechen, Margaret Pennock, Barb Olson, Abbey Bruner, Gerry Heuer

**IV. Agenda Approval**

After a motion by Doug Noem, second by Justin Minnaert, the revised agenda was approved. Motion carried.

**V. Approval of Minutes**

After a motion by Nick Fickbohm, second by Reno Brueggeman, the December 7, 2022, SDCUC Joint Board Meeting Minutes were approved. Motion carried.

**VI. Declaration of Election for term beginning March 1, 2023**

After a motion by Reno Brueggeman, second by Doug Noem, the following were declared elected to the Board of Directors. Motion carried. A certificate will be provided to each Director.

- District 4, Chris Nickeson
- District 6, Jay Esser
- District 8, Chad Blindauer
- District 9, Jim Ketelhut

## **VII. Funding Requests - FY2024**

**US Grains Council** - Ellen Zimmerman, Director of Industry Relations, gave a presentation and funding request for FY 2024.

**National Corn Growers Association** - Harold Wolle, First Vice President, gave a presentation and request for FY 2024 funding.

## **VIII. ARC/PLC Presentation (Via Zoom)**

Brad Karmen, Karmen Consulting, gave a presentation on ARC/PRC choice and options for the 2023 farm bill.

## **IX. Financial Report**

Michael Schelling, CPA – Dakota CPA, presented the following financial reports:

- Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual – July through December 2022, noting that the “Budget” column represents the annual budget for 12 months
- Balance Sheets – December 31, 2022

After further discussion, a motion was made by Jim Ketelhut, seconded by Justin Minnaert, and carried unanimously to approve the financial reports.

## **X. SDSU Funding FY2024**

Mark Sandager, Dr. Joe Cassady and Dr. Bob Thaler gave a presentation on The Institute of Global Agricultural Sustainability and Leadership program being developed. Students would apply after sophomore year for a 3-year program during which they would complete their undergraduate and graduate programs.

## **XI. U. S. Meat Export Federation (USMEF) Funding Request FY2024**

John Hinners, Sr. VP and Dean Meyer, USMEF Chair, gave a presentation and requested funding.

## **XII. Annual Election of Officers**

A motion was made by Doug Noem, seconded by Justin Minnaert for a unanimous ballot to re-elect the current President, Vice President and Secretary-Treasurer. Motion carried.

## **XIII. Staff Updates**

**Gerry** – Reported that the IRS mileage reimbursement rate increased to \$.655/mile effective 1/1/2023.

**Amanda** –

Discussed 37<sup>th</sup> Annual SD Corn Conference

- Media Impact Statement
- Provided results of post-event survey that was distributed to attendees
- Asked for overall event feedback from board
- Contracted with Sioux Falls Convention Center through 2024; SFCC would like us to submit soft holds for 2025-2026

Provided Marketing Update including

EthaKnow Campaign

- KPIs (key performance indicators)
- Creative direction
- Consumer Reaction

**Barb** – With the fiscal year ending June 30, requested that all expense reports be submitted to allow for approval and payment to be made by 6/30/23.

**Margaret** – Handed out a draft copy of the EMERGE publication for review by the Board. It is anticipated approximately 12,000 copies will be sent out.

**XIV. Other Business**

**CO2 Pipeline Study Funding Request** – SDCUC has been asked by a coalition to participate in a SD economic impact pipeline study. A motion was made by Doug Noem, seconded by Jim Ketelhut to contribute \$10,000 towards study. Jay Esser abstained from vote. Motion carried.

**XV. Public Comment**

No members of the public present.

**XVI. Executive Session**

No Executive session needed.

**XVII. Adjournment**

It was moved by Jim Ketelhut, seconded by Reno Brueggeman to adjourn the meeting at 3:59 PM. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Gerry Heuer, Recording Secretary

Reno Brueggeman, Secretary/Treasurer