

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

**Monday, March 13, 2023**

Via Zoom Teleconference | <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88384508282>

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

**Staff Present:** Jerry Schmitz, Executive Director; Becky Cypher, Executive Assistant; Paul Van Sloten, Bonnie Dybedahl, Program Manager, Accounting Manager; Mariah Kessler, Communications Director; and Maggie Vander Laan, Communications Specialist.

**Guests Present:** Kevin Deinert, SDSA President; Jeff Thompson, SDSA 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President; Jamie Johnson, SDSA; and Bob Mercer, KELOLAND News

### **Pledge of Allegiance**

Chairman Frerichs led the board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **Call to Order – Jason Frerichs**

Chairman Frerichs called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m.

### **Approval of Agenda – Jason Frerichs**

Dawn would like to add Farmers for Soil Health discussion to the Executive Director's report.

#### **Motion:**

**Dawn Scheier moved to approve the agenda with the addition of Farmers for Soil Health.**

**Seconded by Mike McCranie.**

**Motion passed unanimously.**

### **Conflict of Interest Disclosures – Jason Frerichs**

Chairman Frerichs disclosed he's now an investor in the Mitchell SD Soybean Processors facility. Ardon Wek is also an investor. Todd Hanten said he won two chairs from SSGA at Commodity Classic.

### **Secretary's report – Heather Beaner**

Approve the minutes from the January 27, 2023 Board Meeting

#### **Motion:**

**Mike McCranie moved to approve the minutes from the January 27, 2023 board meeting.**

**Seconded by Tim Ostrem.**

**Motion passed unanimously.**

### **Treasurer's Report – Mike McCranie**

Review Financials

Paul sent out the financials late last night via email. Mike and Paul reviewed the profit and loss statement with the board members. Chairman Frerichs accepts the treasurer's report as presented.

**Ritz Ag Consulting Presentation – Scott Ritzman**

Scott Ritzman thanked the board for the opportunity to present. He reviewed five proposals for funding consideration. He noted the first three proposals are on behalf of SRDC.

**Clean Fuels Alliance America – Tom Verry**

Tom Verry gave an industry update and thanked the board for allowing him to present. He presented CFAA's eight proposals.

**USSEC Soy Connex Sponsorship**

Dawn gave an overview of USSEC's Soy Connex sponsorship. The event is in August, but due to advertising and promotion of the event, USSEC needs to know sooner than July 1 if the Council would like to sponsor it. She said USSEC is asking for \$25,000 – which is 3% of funding.

**Motion:**

**Dawn Scheier moved to approve USSEC's Soy Connex sponsorship in the amount of \$25,000 to be paid this fiscal year.**

**Seconded by David Struck.**

**Motion passed unanimously.**

**The Sampson House – Val Sampson**

Val Sampson and Sara Waldner joined the meeting. They thanked the board for allowing them to present. Val touched on the 2023 highlights and presented the new projects for 2024.

**USSEC – Brianna Metts**

Brianna Metts introduced herself and said presented five projects for FY24. She said the amounts are flexible – except for the sponsorship of Soy Connex.

**USMEF – John Hinners**

John Hinners introduced himself and gave an overview of the organization. He reviewed their FY24 proposal and noted USMEF was able to utilize ATP funding last year, but they won't get that funding this year.

**Paulsen – Allyse Steffen**

Sara Steever, Emily Johnson, and Mark Smither joined Allyse Steffen in presenting. They presented proposals for FY24.

**USAPEEC – Shelby Watson**

Shelby Watson introduced herself to the board and gave an overview of USAPEEC. She reviewed her proposals for FY24.

**AGLS Board Training****SD Trade Proposal**

Jerry reviewed the proposal that South Dakota Trade submitted. The board members would like more information on this proposal before making a funding decision.

**Executive Director Report – Jerry Schmitz**

Spring Council Director Election Update

USB Director Appointment Update

**Other**

Project Management System

Sync Share E-Folder

Farmers for Soil Health Discussion

**Staff Reports**

**USB Director Reports**

**Board Member Organization Reports**

**SDSA Update – Kevin Deinert**

**Public Input**

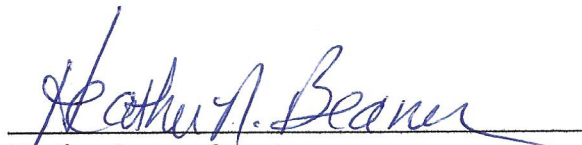
Chairman Frerichs called for public input at 3:43 p.m. None received.

**Motion:**

**David Struck moved to adjourn the meeting at 3:54 p.m.**

**Seconded by Todd Hanten.**

**Motion passed unanimously.**



Heather Beaner, Secretary  
SD Soybean Research & Promotion Council

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Date Approved