

South Dakota Soybean Research & Promotion Council Board Meeting Minutes

Monday, January 29, 2024 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Via Zoom | <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82585175556>

Present: David Struck, Chairman; David Iverson, Vice Chairman; Heather Beaner, Secretary; Todd Hanten, Treasurer; Dawn Scheier, Mike McCranie, Bruce Haines, Derrick Scott, and John Horter

Staff Present: Jerry Schmitz, Executive Director; Becky Cypher, Executive Assistant; Paul Van Sloten, Accounting Manager; Maggie Vander Laan, Communications Specialist (intermittently); Johnna Ringkob, Market Development and Research Director; Danielle Dykstra, Administrative Assistant; and Valerie Willson, Program Manager

Guests Present: Kevin Deinert, SDSA President joined at 9:30 a.m.

Call to Order – David Struck

Chairman Struck called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Chairman Struck led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Agenda – David Struck

Todd would like to add STC – Delong project under Other Items. Dawn would like to discuss funding for Soy Connex under her USSEC – Soy Excellence Center report.

Motion:

Mike McCranie moved to approve the agenda as amended.

Seconded by Dawn Scheier.

Motion passed unanimously.

Conflict of Interest Disclosures – David Struck

Chairman Struck asked board members to declare any new conflicts of interest. Heather Beaner noted she is now on the executive committee at Agtegra and serves as First Vice President.

Secretary’s Report – Heather Beaner, Secretary

Approve the minutes from the November 28, 2023 Board Meeting

Heather noted a few edits she made and said the minutes were posted in the e-folder for members to review.

Motion:

David Iverson moved to approve the meeting minutes from the November 28, 2023 board meeting.

Seconded by Derrick Scott.

Motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer’s Report – Todd Hanten

Review Financials

Paul displayed the balance sheet and reviewed the financials with board members.

Motion:

Dawn Scheier moved to accept the treasurer's report as presented.

Seconded by Derrick Scott.

Motion passed unanimously.

SDSRPC Policy Review – Heather Beaner

Heather reviewed the policies she sent out via email. She noted changes that the board has previously discussed.

Motion:

Heather Beaner moved to reimburse Commodity Classic expenses for USB Directors who are not current members of the Council.

Seconded by David Iverson.

Todd Hanten, Dawn Scheier, and Mike McCranie recused themselves from voting.

Motion passed unanimously.

Motion:

Mike McCranie moved that the Checkoff does not reimburse Domestic trip insurance expenses.

Seconded by Heather Beaner.

Motion passed unanimously.

Motion:

Mike McCranie moved to adopt the policies that were presented as written and requests a roll call vote.

Seconded by David Iverson.

Roll call was taken. Mike McCranie – yes, Todd Hanten – yes, Heather Beaner – yes, Bruce Haines – yes, David Iverson – yes, Dawn Scheier – yes, Derrick Scott – yes, and John Horter – yes.

Motion passed unanimously.

New Uses – Karen Edwards

Karen Edwards introduced herself. She noted she's a consultant to USB on biobased products. She thanked the Council for their support on the SynLawn project. She is proposing to send representatives to Dalton, GA for a soy fire suppressant and turf factory tour. The board thanked Karen for her presentation.

Motion:

Heather Beaner moved to fund the Soy Fire Suppressant and Turf Factory Tour project with up to six people in attendance with reimbursable expenses up to \$15,000.

Seconded by David Iverson.

Motion passed unanimously.

See For Yourself Proposals – Scott Ritzman, Ritz Ag Consulting

Scott said he submitted two proposals for the Board's consideration. The SFY proposal is similar to last year but will have different stops. It will be a four-day total trip and the budget increased just a tad for transportation costs.

Motion:

Mike McCranie moved to fund Ritz Ag Consulting's See For Yourself proposal for FY25 in the amount of \$61,240.00

Seconded by Heather Beaner.

Motion passed unanimously.

USAPEEC Strategic Planning Meeting – Mike McCranie

Mike McCranie requested approval from the Executive Committee to attend USAPEEC's Strategic Planning Session in March in India. They denied his request, so he wanted to bring it to the full board for consideration.

Motion:

Bruce Haines moved to approve Mike McCranie to attend the 2024 USAPEEC Strategic Planning in India.

Seconded by Dawn Scheier.

A roll call vote was taken. Mike McCranie recused himself from voting. Todd Hanten – no, Bruce Haines – yes, David Iverson – no, Heather Beaner – yes, Dawn Scheier – yes, Derrick Scott – no, John Horter – no, and David Struck – yes. The vote is tied at 4 – 4.

Bruce Haines called for a second vote on the motion. Todd Hanten – no, Bruce Haines – yes, Mike McCranie – yes, David Iverson – no, Heather Beaner – yes, Dawn Scheier – yes, Derrick Scott – no, John Horter – no, and David Struck – yes. The vote is 5 – 4.

Motion passed.

Board Reorganization Discussion

David Iverson said he wanted to have some discussion about the possibility of having one soybean board. Heather proposed a working group with two people from the Council, two people from the Association, plus Jerry to investigate the details and specifics of a joint board. Chairman Struck directed staff to put together the work group and explore options.

SDSU Proposals

The board selected SDSU proposals they would like presented by researchers during the spring board meeting.

Motion:

Bruce Haines moved to hear all SDSU full proposals with the exception of proposals *"Sustainable Management of Soybean Pathogens Thriving in the South Dakota Crop Rotations"*, *"Expanding the Market Share of Soybean Producers to Include Bison Feeders"*, and *"The Impact of Soy Nutrition in Pigs in Commercial Conditions on Performance and Pork Quality"*.

Seconded by Heather Beaner.

Motion passed unanimously.

Public Input

Chairman Struck asked for public input at 11:55 a.m. None received.

SDSU Commodity Classic Funding Request

Jerry explained the request we received from SDSU for students to travel to the 2024 Commodity Classic in Houston, TX in the amount of \$7,500.

Motion:

Todd Hanten moved to fund SDSU's Student Travel to 2024 Commodity Classic proposal in the amount of \$7,500.

Seconded by Bruce Haines.

Seven in favor, one against. Motion passed.

USSEC SEC Updates – Todd Hanten & Dawn Scheier

USSEC QSSB Learning Mission - Bogota, Colombia

Originally, Todd Hanten, Mike McCranie, Bruce Haines, and Derrick Scott were interested in attending this learning mission. Mike McCranie removed himself and is no longer interested.

Motion:

Heather Beaner moved to send three people to the USSEC QSSB Learning Mission in Bogota, Colombia.

Seconded by Dawn Scheier.

Motion failed.

Motion:

Mike McCranie moved to send two people to the USSEC QSSB Learning Mission in Bogota, Colombia.

Motion failed due to lack of second.

Motion:

Dawn Scheier moved to send two people (one experienced board member and one new board member) to the USSEC QSSB Learning Mission in Bogota, Colombia.

Seconded by Mike McCranie.

Motion passed unanimously.

Future Meetings and Election Committee Selection Discussion

Discussion on scheduling the next board meetings and selection of election committee. April meeting was set for 4th and 5th. Becky was directed to send out a Doodle poll to set the June meeting. Once June meeting is set then staff will get election committee names and the Council will approve the election committee at the April meeting.

Other items

STC DeLong Project

Todd said he spoke with Mike Steenhoek regarding the DeLong project that was discussed at the November meeting.

Motion:

Todd Hanten moved to fund the STC DeLong project in the amount of \$25,000.

Seconded by Derrick Scott.

Motion failed.

SmithBucklin Invoice

Jerry discussed the SDSU project with USB – “An Evaluation of Soybean Meal Inclusion Rate in Wean-Finish Pigs”. He explained SDSU completed the project in time, but since USB/SmithBucklin has a

different fiscal year, the timing of the invoice was after the FY23 budget year. It's an FY23 project in the amount of \$41,500 and needs to be paid in FY24 since USB didn't invoice us in our fiscal year.

Motion:

Mike McCranie moved to give SmithBucklin an extension on the project titled "An Evaluation of Soybean Meal Inclusion Rate in Wean-Finish Pigs".

Seconded by Todd Hanten.

Motion passed unanimously.

Paul reiterated that this isn't an extension, the funds need to be paid in our current fiscal year.

Motion:

Bruce Haines moved to pay the SmithBucklin invoice in the amount of \$41,500 for the FY23 project titled "An Evaluation of Soybean Meal Inclusion Rate in Wean-Finish Pigs" in FY24.

Seconded by Todd Hanten.

Motion passed unanimously.

Adjourn

Motion:

Todd Hanten moved to adjourn the meeting at 1:02 p.m.

Seconded by Mike McCranie.

Motion passed unanimously.