**South Dakota Soybean Research & Promotion Council**

**Board Meeting Minutes | via Zoom**

Thursday, April 11th, 2024 8:00 a.m.

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

**Staff Present:** Jerry Schmitz, Executive Director; and Becky Cypher, Executive Assistant

**Absent:** John Horter

**Call to Order – Chairman David Struck**

Chairman Struck called the meeting to order at 7:59 a.m.

**Verbal Roll Call – Chairman David Struck**

Mike McCranie – present; Heather Beaner – present; Bruce Haines – present; Dawn Scheier – present; Todd Hanten – present; Derrick Scott – present; David Iverson – present; and David Struck – present; John Horter – No response/Absent

**Conflicts of Interest**

Chairman Struck asked board members to declare any new conflicts of interest. None reported.

**Approval of Agenda – Chairman David Struck**

**Motion:  
Mike McCranie moved to approve the board meeting agenda.**

**Seconded by Bruce Haines.**

**Motion passed unanimously.**

**Executive Session – Personnel Discussion**

**Motion:  
Heather Beaner moved to enter into executive session at 8:09 a.m. pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2 (1) for the purpose of discussing personnel matters.**

**Seconded by Mike McCranie.**

**Motion passed unanimously.**

**Motion:**

**David Iverson moved to exit executive session at 8:49 a.m.**

**Seconded by Bruce Haines.**

**Motion passed unanimously.**

**USB Election**

The Council used the Zoom ballot method to anonymously vote for nominees to the United Soybean Board.

Candidates for USB nominee were: Allen Merrill, David Poppens, and Tim Ostrem.

Tim Ostrem was elected as the primary nominee for the open seat. David Poppens was elected as the secondary nominee.

**Public Input**

Chairman Struck called for public input at 8:55 a.m. None received.

**SD Mines Presentation - Unlocking Value from Soybean Waste: Sustainable production of Flavonoid and**

**Isoflavones – Tanvi Govil**

**SD Mines Presentation - EcoSoyWave: Sustainable Bioplastics and Biosurfactants from Industrial Soybean**

**Waste – David Salem**

**Ag United Discussion**

**Motion:**

**Todd Hanten moved that the South Dakota Soybean Research and Promotion Council consider funding Ag United contingent upon their acquiring an Executive Director.**

**Seconded by Derrick Scott.**

**Motion passed unanimously.**

**Other Items**

**MEG Corp**

Becky said she received a notification from MEG Corp that the City of Sioux Falls would like a decision regarding their proposal sooner than July 1st due to timing of their biodiesel purchasing.

**Motion:**

**Derrick Scott moved to approve MEG Corp’s FY23 proposal extension titled “Sioux Falls Biodiesel Reimbursement Program” for FY25 in the amount of $30,000.**

**Seconded by Bruce Haines.**

**Motion passed unanimously.**

**Adjourn**

Chairman Struck declared the meeting adjourned at 9:57 a.m.