

South Dakota Soybean Research & Promotion Council Board Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, July 1, 2025

Via Zoom Teleconference | <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83321836637>

Roll Call – by Becky Cypher

Present: David Struck, Chairman; David Iverson, Vice Chairman; John Horter, Secretary; Derrick Scott, Treasurer; Bruce Haines, April Bowar, Jeff Thompson, and Carson Stange

Absent: Chad Schooley

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

Guests Present: Kevin Deinert, SDSA President

Call to Order – David Struck

Chairman Struck called the meeting to order at 7:37 a.m.

Approval of Agenda – David Struck

Motion:

Bruce Haines moved to approve the agenda.

Seconded by April Bowar.

Motion passed unanimously.

Conflict of Interest Disclosures – David Struck

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

Officer Elections

Chairman

David Struck and David Iverson were candidates for Chairman. **Votes were cast by secret ballot poll. David Struck was elected FY26 Chairman.**

Vice Chairman

David Iverson and Jeff Thompson were candidates for Vice Chairman. **Votes were cast by secret ballot poll. David Iverson was elected FY26 Vice Chairman.**

Secretary

John Horter and Jeff Thompson were candidates for Secretary. **Votes were cast by secret ballot poll. John Horter was elected FY26 Secretary.**

Treasurer

Derrick Scott was the only candidate and was elected FY26 Treasurer.

Motion:

Dave Iverson moved to accept the results of the SDSRPC officer election for FY26.

Seconded by Derrick Scott.

Motion passed unanimously.

Ad hoc Committee Approval

Motion:

Bruce Haines moved to establish the following committees for operation in FY2026: Joint Committees: Biofuels Committee, International Marketing Committee, Domestic Committee, Public Information | Education Committee, and Communications Committee.

Seconded by Jeff Thompson.

Motion passed unanimously.

Strategic Planning

The facilitator, Mike Rucier of Agralytica, is offering two additional workshops for the upcoming strategic planning session. The Board directed staff to seek more detailed information about the optional workshops.

SD Cattlemen's Soybean Meal Education Series Proposal

SD Cattlemen's Association is proposing a joint educational series with SDSRPC about soy feeding beef cattle. The Board directed staff to seek a detailed proposal from SD Cattlemen.

Public Input

Public input was called at 8:00 a.m. SDSA President Deinert congratulated the FY26 officers. He also thanked the Board for allowing him to attend the Chile Trade Mission. He said it was very educational, and he would gladly share more details at a future meeting.

FY26 Budget Adjustment

Becky explained that a budget expense entry error of \$160.00 was discovered after the June 17 Board meeting.

Motion:

April Bowar moved to approve the amended FY26 budget expenditure total of \$8,329,144.

Seconded by Jeff Thompson.

Motion passed unanimously.

Other Items

Everyone introduced themselves and welcomed newly elected Council members Jeff Thompson and Carson Stange.

Adjourn

Motion:

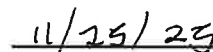
Derrick Scott moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 a.m.

Seconded by April Bowar.

Motion passed unanimously.



Bruce Haines, Acting Secretary
SD Soybean Research & Promotion Council



Date Approved