

SOUTH DAKOTA WHEAT COMMISSION MEETING
Virtual teleconference

Friday, September 12, 2025; 10:00 AM

Minutes

Present:

SDWC: Tregg Cronin, Jamie Johnson, Bryan Jorgensen, Leon Koeppe, Jon Kleinjan, Levi Neuharth
Others: Caren Assman (SDWGA), John Blanton (SDSU), Joe Cassady (SDSU), Kyle Gustafson (SDCIA), Anne Osborne (NWF), Karen Sanguinet (SDSU), Jennifer Scharpe (SDWGA), Michael Schelling (Dakota CPA), Shyam Solanki (SDSU)

Call to order:

Chairman Jorgensen called the meeting to order at 10:00 am and announced the presence of a quorum.

Approval of Agenda:

Neuharth moved to approve the agenda as presented and Koeppe seconded the motion.

Motion passed.

Approval of the Minutes:

Kleinjan neglected to send the minutes from the June 30th meeting to the commissioners so they will be reviewed at the December meeting.

Public Comment:

No comments.

Production Forecast:

The current USDA numbers were discussed; HRW: 650K harvested acres at 46 bu/acre; HRS: 630K acres harvested at 46 bu/acre. Total production for SD should be ~60 million bu. Some discussion followed on planted acreage for 2026.

Financial Reports:

Schelling presented the FY25 financial statements through 8/31/2025. There was no discussion. Schelling also stated that the audit was nearly complete with no issues found.

Organization Reports:

1. South Dakota Wheat Growers Association

Assman reported on the following activities:

- Jennifer Scharpe to begin next month as SDWGA Executive.
- Ag Horizons (Dec 2, 2025)
- Newsletter

2. South Dakota Dept. of Agriculture and Natural Resources

No report.

3. South Dakota State University

Cassady commented on the following:

- Interim director of Extension
- Ag Engineering Dept. Head retirement

4. SD Crop Improvement Association

- Inspection acreage numbers and varieties
- 100 year anniversary of SDCIA
- CoAxiom acres in SD

Staff Reports

Kleinjan reported on the following activities with discussion taking place:

- Commissioner terms expiring – Jorgensen, October 30, 2025; Cronin, Johnson, Koeppe, October 30, 2026. Kleinjan will submit a request for reappointment for Jorgensen, Cronin will need a replacement in 2026.
- Operations – New suburban, website refund forms, part-time office assistant, communications activities (McCracken)
- SDARL Class XI interviews
- SDSU/USDA field days
- USDA lockup – Washington, DC
- State Fair/Ag Stakeholder's meeting

Market Development:

Kleinjan reported on the following market development activities with discussion taking place:

- US Wheat Associates Summer meeting; July 15-17, Boise, ID – Kleinjan and Koeppe attended
- NCI meeting: July 28, Fargo, ND – Koeppe and Kleinjan (virtual) attended
- Tanzanian trade team, September 4-7, statewide – Kleinjan
- Taiwan Goodwill Mission, September 18-19, Pierre, SD – Kleinjan, Jorgensen, Cronin plan to attend.

Administrative Matters:

Upcoming out-of-state travel was reviewed with discussion taking place:

Out-of State-Event	Date(s)	Location	Attending	Approved
NCI/NCC meeting	21 Oct 25	Fargo, ND	Kleinjan	6/30/25
Home Baking Assc. annual meeting	27 Oct 25 - 29 Oct 25	Ft. Collins, CO	???	6/30/25
US Wheat fall board meeting	4 Nov 25 - 6 Nov 25	Austin, TX	Kleinjan, ???	6/30/25
North Asia Crop Quality Seminar	8 Nov 25 - 18 Nov 25	North Asia	Kleinjan	6/30/25
USWBSI National FHB Forum	7 Dec 25 - 9 Dec 25	Denver, CO	Jorgensen, Kleinjan	6/30/25
PGI Meeting	11 Dec 25	Denver, CO	Kleinjan	x

Prairie Grains Conference	10 Dec 25 - 11 Dec 25	Grand Forks, ND	Koepppe	X
US Wheat winter board meeting	27 Jan 26 - 29 Jan 26	Washington, DC	Kleinjan, Jorgensen	X

Cronin moved and Neuharth seconded a motion to approve the out-of-state travel as presented (previously non-approved travel marked with an 'x'). Motion passed.

Funding requests:

The following funding requests were discussed:

- Anne Osborne from the National Wheat Foundation asked for Wheat 101 support. **Johnson moved and Koepppe seconded a motion to provide \$1,000 to Wheat 101. Motion passed.**
- Dr. Shyam Solanki asked for \$25,000 to purchase a software package for a microscope to support RNAi work on FHB. The instrument can also be used in root architecture and biological N fixation research. Gustafson said the SDCIA may be interested in funding half the amount. **Cronin moved and Johnson seconded a motion to provide \$12,500 for the microscope project contingent on the SDCIA providing the other \$12,500. Motion passed.**
- Dr. Whoi Cho presented a proposal to look at the economic effect of the SDSU wheat breeding programs. Kleinjan stated that the study would likely be ineffective without a USDA variety survey. No action taken.

CoAxium:

Kleinjan stated that he had discussed a CoAxium introgression agreement with Brad Erker from Colorado Wheat and Sunish Sehgal. Jorgensen asked if the SDWC would like to approve a support resolution for the agreement. The topic was tabled until the December meeting.

Commission Meeting Date

The next meeting is scheduled for December 1, 2025 in Pierre, SD.

Executive Session

No Executive Session was required.

Adjournment

Johnson moved to adjourn at 11:32 am, seconded by Neuharth. Meeting adjourned.

Leon Koepppe, Secretary

Date

Jonathan Kleinjan, Executive Director

Date