

South Dakota Soybean Research & Promotion Council Board Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, January 27, 2026 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Via Zoom | <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81449875844>

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

Staff Present: Jerry Schmitz, Executive Director; Becky Cypher, Business Manager; Maggie Vander Laan, Communications Director; Johnna Ringkob, Market Development & Research Director; Danielle Dykstra, Administrative Assistant, Valerie Willson, Program Manager, and Kevin Scott, Assistant Executive Director

Guests Present: Mike McCranie, United Soybean Board; and Tim Ostrem, United Soybean Board

Pledge of Allegiance

Chairman Struck led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Call to Order – David Struck

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

Open Meeting Laws

Jerry stated that, per a state law passed during the last legislative session, we need to be aware of open meeting laws. He referred to *“Conducting the Public’s Business in Public – A guide to South Dakota’s Open Meeting Laws”* and noted it is also included in the board e-folder.

Approval of Agenda – David Struck

Motion:

Bruce Haines moved to approve the agenda.

Seconded by David Iverson.

Motion passed unanimously.

Conflict of Interest Disclosures – David Struck

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

Secretary’s Report – Chad Schooley

Approve the minutes from the November 25, 2025, Board Meeting

Chad said he’s reviewed the meeting minutes and believes they are accurate unless someone indicates an edit. He noted they are kept in the board meeting e-folder.

Motion:

David Iverson moved to approve the meeting minutes from the November 25, 2025 board meeting.

Seconded by April Bowar.

Motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer’s Report – Derrick Scott

Review Financials

Derrick reviewed the financials with the board members.

Motion:

Bruce Haines moved to accept the treasurer's report as presented.

Seconded by Carson Stange.

Motion passed unanimously.

NDSU Soybean Symposium Sponsorship

Motion:

Bruce Haines moved to sponsor the travel scholarships for the NDSU Soybean Symposium up to \$1,500.

Seconded by Chad Schooley.

Motion passed unanimously.

USSEC Allied – QSSB Sub-Class Election

The Board discussed the candidates for the USSEC Board of Directors election for Allied Sub-Class QSSB.

Motion:

Jeff Thompson moved to select Joel Schreurs for the Allied Sub-Class QSSB.

Seconded by April Bowar.

Motion passed unanimously.

Assistant Executive Director Position

Motion:

David Iverson moved to hire Kevin Scott as Assistant Executive Director.

Seconded by Chad Schooley.

Motion passed unanimously.

SDSU FY25 Invoice

Jerry said SDSRPC received an invoice from SDSU for FY25 expenses after June 30. He explained to them that invoices with expenses dated after July 1 require board approval. SDSU stated that the expenses were incurred prior to June 30, 2025, but were processed in the system after that date.

Motion:

Bruce Haines moved to pay the FY25 invoice to SDSU in the amount of \$16,193.99.

Seconded by April Bowar.

Motion passed unanimously.

District 8 Open Seat

Dan Nigg has expressed interest in the open Council seat formerly occupied by John Horter.

Motion:

Bruce Haines moved to submit Dan Nigg's name for the open District 8 seat to Secretary of Ag and Natural Resources Hunter Roberts.

Seconded by David Iverson.

Motion passed unanimously.

SDSU Research Pre-Proposal Selections

Johnna reviewed the research pre-proposals submitted this year. The Board selected those that they would like presented by researchers during the spring board meeting in April.

Public Input

Chairman Struck called for public input at 10:40 a.m. None received.

Other Items

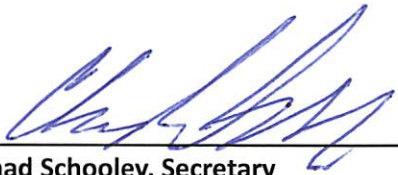
Jerry said the Association met via Zoom yesterday and elected officers. Tanner Hento was elected President; Brent Greenway, First Vice President; JD Wangsness, Second Vice President; Jeff Kloucek, Secretary; and Kevin Deinert, Treasurer.

Adjourn

Derrick Scott moved to adjourn the meeting at 11:15 a.m.

Seconded by Jeff Thompson.

Motion passed unanimously.



Chad Schooley, Secretary
SD Soybean Research & Promotion Council

Date Approved