

**South Dakota Soybean Research & Promotion Council Board Meeting Minutes**

South Dakota State University – Raven Precision Agriculture Center – Soybean Conference Room 236  
**April 1, 2026**

**Present:** David Struck, Chairman; David Iverson, Vice Chairman (via Zoom); Derrick Scott, Treasurer; Jeff Thompson, Acting Secretary; Bruce Haines, April Bowar, Carson Stange (via Zoom), and Terry Jaspers

**Staff Present:** Jerry Schmitz, Executive Director; Kevin Scott, Assistant Executive Director; and Johnna Ringkob, Market Development & Research Director

**Board Members Absent:** Chad Schooley, Secretary

**Call to Order**

Chairman Struck called the meeting to order at 9:07 a.m.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

Chairman Struck led the board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Motion:**

Derrick Scott moved to offer an internship and budget \$1,500 for FY26 and \$6,000 for FY27.

Seconded by April Bowar.

Motion passed unanimously.

**Welcome | Dr. John Blanton**

Dr. Blanton welcomed the Board to SDSU and thanked them for the opportunity to present today.

SDSU researchers presented proposals to the Council; as well as NDSU, ABG Ag Services, Dakota BioWorx, and Pioneer BioTech.

**Public Input**

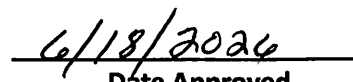
Chairman Struck called for public input at 4:30 p.m. None received.

**Other Items**

**Adjourn**

Chairman Struck declared the meeting adjourned at 4:55 p.m.

  
Jeff Thompson, Acting Secretary  
SD Soybean Research & Promotion Council

  
Date Approved