

South Dakota Soybean Research & Promotion Council Board Meeting Notes

Monday, May 18, 2026 7:30 a.m.

via Zoom <https://us02web.zoom.us/jc/81296172349>

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

Staff Present: Jerry Schmitz, Executive Director; Kevin Scott, Assistant Executive Director; and Becky Cypher, Business Manager

Call to Order – Chairman David Struck

Chairman Struck called the meeting to order at 7:33 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.

Roll Call – Becky Cypher

David Struck – present, David Iverson – present, Derrick Scott – present, Chad Schooley – present, Bruce Haines – present, Jeff Thompson – present, Carson Stange – present, Terry Jaspers – present, and April Bowar – present

Approval of Agenda – Chairman David Struck

Motion:

Derrick Scott moved to approve the board meeting agenda.

Seconded by David Iverson.

Motion passed unanimously.

Conflict of Interest Disclosures – Chairman David Struck

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

Executive Session – Personnel Discussion

Motion:

Terry Jaspers moved to enter into executive session at 7:35 a.m. pursuant to SDSC 1-25-2(1) for the purpose of discussing personnel matters.

Seconded by Chad Schooley.

Motion passed unanimously.

Chairman Struck declared the board out of executive session at 8:08 a.m.

USB Election

The Council used the Zoom ballot method to anonymously vote for nominees to the United Soybean Board. Candidates for the USB nominee were: Dawn Scheier and Todd Hanten.

Motion:

Terry Jaspers moved to nominate Dawn Scheier as the primary nominee for the open USB seat and nominate Todd Hanten as the secondary for the open USB seat.

Seconded by Bruce Haines.
Motion passed unanimously.

Public Input

Chairman Struck called for public input at 8:10 a.m.

Adjourn

Derrick Scott moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:13 a.m.

Seconded by Bruce Haines.

Motion passed unanimously.



Chad Schooley, Secretary
SD Soybean Research & Promotion Council

Date Approved