

**SOUTH DAKOTA WHEAT COMMISSION MEETING**  
**Wednesday June 3, 2026 - 9:00 AM**  
**Cedar Shores Resort – Breakwater Room**  
**1500 Shoreline Drive Oacoma, SD 57365**

**Minutes**

**Present:**

SDWC: Tregg Cronin, Jamie Johnson, Bryan Jorgensen, Leon Koeppe, Jon Kleinjan, Levi Neuharth  
SDSU: John Blanton (virtual), Karen Sanguinet (virtual)  
Others: Jennifer Scharpe – SDWGA, Kyle Gustafson – SDCIA (virtual), Michael Schelling –  
Solution CPA (virtual)

**Call to order:**

**Chairman Jorgensen called the meeting to order at 9:00 am and announced the presence of a quorum.**

**Approval of Agenda:**

**Cronin moved to approve the agenda and Johnson seconded the motion. Motion passed.**

**Approval of the Minutes:**

**Jorgensen approved the minutes from the February 12, 2026 meeting.**

**Public Comment:**

No comments.

**Production Forecast:**

Current HRW conditions were reported as below average. After discussion, the commission forecasted HRW harvested acres at 530,000 acres (77% of planted) with a projected yield of 40 bu/acre. The HRS crop looks promising, and the commission forecasts 600,000 acres of HRS to be harvested at yield of 45 bu/acre.

**Organization Reports:**

**1. South Dakota Wheat Growers Association**

Scharpe reported on the following:

- Proposed Food for Peace funding elimination amendment
- NAWG updates

**2. Dept. of Agriculture and Natural Resources**

Tant reported on the following:

- 2026 legislative session – open meeting laws
- Governor’s Ag Summit

**3. South Dakota State University**

Blanton and Sanguinet commented on the following:

- New forage breeder position

- Wheat research activities
- Field day events

#### **4. South Dakota Crop Improvement**

Gustafson discussed the following:

- Field Inspector's school
- Inspection acreage

#### **Staff Reports:**

Kleinjan reported on the following activities with discussion taking place:

- Operations review – potential move within building
- Cronin term expiring October 30, 2026
- Annual report – FY25 on website, digital only
- Social media – JSignature proposal

#### **Market Development:**

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

- Wheat Quality Council annual meeting – Olathe, KS, 2/17/26 – 2/19/26, Kleinjan
- Wheat Foods Council planning session – Denver, CO, 3/11/26 – 3/12/26, Kleinjan
- Wheat Marketing Center board meeting – Portland, OR, 3/30/26 – 3/31/26, no attendees
- NCC spring meeting – Fargo, ND, 4/2/26, Kleinjan (virtual)
- Other virtual meetings (PGI, US Wheat)

#### **Financial Reports:**

Schelling presented the financial statements through 05/31/2025. Some discussion followed.

**Neuharth moved to accept the financial reports and Cronin seconded the motion. Motion passed.**

#### **Audit**

Kleinjan stated that Eide Bailly planned to begin the FY26 audit on July 27<sup>th</sup>.

#### **SDWC FY26 Budget**

Commissioners reviewed the initial draft FY26 SDWC Budget with the help of Schelling.

Discussion followed. **Cronin moved and Koepp seconded a motion to approve the FY26 budget with a forecast deficit of \$439,800. Motion passed.**

#### **Board Assignments:**

**Johnson moved and Koepp seconded a motion to cast a unanimous ballot and cease nominations for the following slate of officers (motion passed):**

- Chair – Jorgensen
- Vice-Chair – Neuharth
- Secretary – Koepp

