SDCUC & SDCGA

Joint Board Meeting

September 5, 2018

**SDCUC Director Present:** Ryan Wagner, Robert Walsh, Laron Krause, Jim Klebsch, Reno Brueggeman, Grant Rix, Justin Minnaert and Nick Jorgensen

**SDCUC Directors Absent:** Ben Roling

**SDCGA Directors Present:** Troy Knecht, Doug Noem, Keith Alverson, Jeff Burg, Scott Stahl, Mark Gross, Gary Duffy, John Smith, Mike Nickolas, and Steve Halverson

**SDCGA Directors Absent:** Bob Schmidt, Travis Strasser and Steve Masat

**Others Present:** Lisa Richardson, Teddi Mueller, Heather Neugebauer, Lynn Tjeerdsma via telephone, Will Secor via telephone, Steven Apfelbaum and Ry Thompson via telephone and Jeff Zimprich

1. SDCGA President Troy Knecht and SDCUC President Ryan Wagner called the meeting to order at 8:30 am on Wednesday, September 5, 2018.
2. Motion made and seconded to approve minutes for the SDCGA June meeting and August conference call. Motion Approved.
3. Motion made and seconded to approve the SDCUC June and July financials. Motion Approved.
4. Motion made and seconded to approve the agenda. Motion Approved.
5. **Executive Committee Report:**

The Exec Committee went over a draft of the Council audit. It was a good audit. Once we have the final copies, staff will distribute it to the board members. The audit for the Growers is not ready yet.

1. Mike Nickolas gave his Industry update from a shipper standpoint.
2. Lynn Tjeerdsma gave an update on Trade and Farm Bill.
3. Will Secor with CoBank gave a Webinar on Interest Rates.
4. Jeff Zimprich presented to the board on current and future plans and projects of the NRCS.
5. Steve Apfelbaum and Ry Thompson with Applied Ecological Services gave an update.
6. The board discussed the Web Water and Water Restrictions issue.
7. The Property Tax will be a topic later this fall and will be discussed further at the December meeting as they put out the new formula.
8. The annual meeting was discussed. The Council board members are expected to attend this event that the SD Corn Growers put on.
9. Motion made and approved for the travel of the below board members. Motion Approved.

USGC Annual Meeting – Feb. 11-13 in Cartagena, Colombia

Ryan and Travis

Commodity Classic – February 28- March 2 in Orlando, FL

Doug, Troy, Scott, Laron, Reno, Mark, Keith

1. Motion made and seconded to adjourn the meeting. Motion Approved.