

**South Dakota Corn Utilization Council (SDCUC)**  
**Board of Directors Meeting**  
**Thursday, September 4, 2025**  
**8:00 a.m.**  
**via Zoom**

**I. Call to Order**

President Jim Ketelhut called the meeting to order at 8:03 AM.

**II. Members Present**

Jay Esser  
Doug Noem  
Chris Nickeson

Jim Ketelhut  
Reno Brueggeman  
Chad Blindauer

**Members Absent**

Brandon Ritter

Nick Fickbohm

**Others Present**

DaNita Murray  
Patrick Mahoney  
Michael Schelling

**III. Approval of Financial Statements**

Michael Schelling, CPA, Solution CPA, presented the FY25 Q4 Financials. He noted strong revenues due to a record harvest. A motion was made by Jay Esser, seconded by Reno Brueggeman, and approved unanimously to accept the financial reports.

**IV. Year 2 of Goss' Wilt Research Funding**

Year 2, Goss' Wilt research pre-proposal was approved at the June 2025 board meeting at \$55K but the amount did not get into the overall total that was approved for research proposals. With this increase, the Research Proposal budget increases from \$888,052 to \$943,052. A motion was made by Jay Esser and seconded by Chris Nickeson, and approved unanimously to accept approve this increase to the Research Proposal budget.

**V. Operations Document**

An increase to the current \$10,000 minimum for a memorandum of understanding for a grant to \$25,000, as a guideline, pursuant to legal counsel's advice was approved. Reno Brueggeman made the motion, seconded by Jay Esser. It was noted that as needed, a memorandum of understanding could still be executed for any lesser amount.

**VI. Public Comment**

None

**VII. Adjournment**

President Ketelhut adjourned the meeting at 8:49 a.m.

**Respectfully Submitted,**

**Chris Nickeson, Secretary/Treasurer**

**Patrick Mahoney, Recording Secretary**