

**South Dakota Corn Utilization Council (SDCUC)
& South Dakota Corn Growers Association (SDCGA)
Joint Board of Directors Meeting Minutes**
SDSU Raven Precision Ag Center, Room 236
Brookings, SD
August 9, 2022

Call to Order

SDCUC President Chad Blindauer called the meeting to order at 9:01 AM on Tuesday, August 9, 2022. SDCGA President Scott Stahl called the meeting to order at 9:02 AM on Tuesday, August 9, 2022.

Roll Call

The following SDCUC members were present: Nicholas Fickbohm, Justin Minnaert, Doug Noem, Stuart Samson, Grant Rix, Jim Klebsch, Reno Brueggeman, Chad Blindauer, and Jim Ketelhut (via zoom)

SDCUC members absent: none

The following SDCGA members were present: Dave Ellens, Gary Duffy, Travis Strasser, Taylor Sumption, Mike Cronin, Jeff Burg, Scott Stahl, Trent Kubik, and Mark Gross

SDCGA members absent: Travis Mockler, Wes Chambers

Others present: DaNita Murray, Gerry Heuer, Brenda Kruse, Barb Olson, Abbey Bruner, Randy Hascall, Dr. Joseph Cassady, Ph.D., Jim Woster, Dr. Alex Buck, Ph.D., Rostin Behnam, Tyler Moore, Paden Sexton, Alex Hoffman, Jennifer Feistner, Kelsey Geraets, Michael Schelling, CPA (via zoom), and Ken Meyers.

Agenda Approval

Grant Rix moved to approve the SDCUC revised agenda, seconded by Stuart Samson, motion carried unanimously.

Trent Kubik moved to approve the SDCGA revised agenda, seconded by Taylor Sumption, motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Minutes

Doug Noem moved to approve the SDCUC June 15, 2022, meeting minutes with the following change: The audited financial statement was for the fiscal year 2021 instead of 2022. Second by Grant Rix. Motion passed unanimously.

Gary Duffy moved to approve the SDCGA June 20 and July 7, 2022, board meeting minutes as presented. Seconded by Jeff Burg. Motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Alex Buck, Ph.D., Industrial Innovation Manager, Iowa Corn, presented the Direct Ethanol Fuel Cell Funding Proposal and answered the board's questions.

University of South Dakota (USD) Agricultural Law Students

Tyler Moore, USD Law instructor introduced Paden Sexton and Alex Hoffman, 3rd, year USD Agricultural Law Students. Paden Sexton gave a summary of a paper he wrote on country-of-origin product labeling, and Alex Hoffman gave a short presentation on estate planning.

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Chairman Rostin Behnam, Commodity Futures Trading Commission (CFTC), Washington, D.C., was present and discussed the purpose and role of the CFTC, which is to ensure commodity futures markets are working correctly and that no one is attempting to manipulate them. He responded to further questions presented.

Jim Woster, SD agricultural advocate was present and thanked the boards for their continued support throughout the years and let them know that he was ready to retire “Corn Comments”. In turn, both board Presidents thanked Jim for his hard work over the years and presented him with a small gift of appreciation.

Dr. Joseph Cassady, Ph.D., SD Corn Endowed Dean, SDSU College of Agriculture, Food & Environmental Sciences, introduced himself to the boards and spoke briefly of his experience and future goals for the department. He thanked SD Corn for the financial support they have provided SDSU, allowing for his position to become the Endowed Dean position.

Other Business

Chad Blindauer provided the board with information regarding the James River Research Project to study. It is anticipated that a more detailed presentation, requesting funds for start-up costs, will be forthcoming at a future board meeting.

Staff Updates

Abbey Bruner, Executive Assistant, briefed the board on excess property accumulated over many years. Brenda Kruse, SD Corn Social Media Director & Consumer Outreach Educator, gave an update on the status of the new education trailer. Gerry Heuer updated the SDCUC board on the Internal Controls Memo he is working on for the upcoming audit. The Internal Controls Memo will be sent to the Board for review and approval in the near future. DaNita gave an update on the 2023 Corn Conference and an update on the RCPP grant, year 1 of 5.

Public Comment

President Blindauer called for public comment, and no one requested to do so.

Executive Session

Grant Rix, SDCUC, moved to enter executive session pursuant to SDCL1-25-2 (1) for the purpose of discussing a personnel matter. Seconded by Doug Noem, SDCUC. Motion passed unanimously. Taylor Sumption, SDCGA, moved to enter executive session pursuant to SDCL1-25-2 (1) for the purpose of discussing a personnel matter. Seconded by Gary Duffy, SDCGA. Motion passed unanimously.

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Adjourn

A motion to adjourn the SDCUC meeting was made by Stewart Samson, seconded by Justin Minnaert, and carried at 2:53 PM.

A motion to adjourn the SDCGA meeting was made by Gary Duffy, seconded by Dave Ellens, and carried at 2:53 PM.

SDSU Raven Precision Ag Center Tour

Following the meeting, a tour of the building was led by Nic Uilk, instructor, SDSU Department of Agriculture and Biosystems Engineering, for all interested board members.

Abbey Bruner, Recording Secretary

Gerry Heuer, Recording Secretary

Reno Brueggeman, Secretary/Treasurer, South Dakota Corn Utilization Council

Dave Ellens, Secretary/Treasurer, South Dakota Corn Growers Association