**Draft Minutes of SD Oilseeds Council Meeting**

**February 18, 2025**

**SDSU Regional Extension Center**

**412 West Missouri Ave. Pierre, South Dakota**

**Thursday, February 18, 2025**

**11:00 am Call to order** - Quorum Declared by Chairman Todd

Chuck Todd, Chairman Kei Oberlander

Ryan Olson

Present Lance Hourigan

Present Shannon DuPoy

Present

Present via Zoom Present

Visitors:

Tom Young, Executive Director None

Austin Young, Admin Assistant

 **Conflict of interest** announcements – None made

 **Approval of the Amended Agenda - Motion by DuPoy / Oberlander – Passed**

 **Reading of the Amended Minutes of March 12, 2024 Motion by Olson / Oberlander - Passed**

**11:20 am Public Testimony** - time for public comment. No Comments were offered.

11:30 FY26 Research Proposals from SDSU Principal Investigators, PIs

Dr. Ali Mirzakhani Nafchi - Combined Laser Technology with Motorized Flying Falcon-Hawk for Sunflower Birds Damage Control ​

Lunch Break was taken from 12:15 pm

1:00 PM Meeting called back to order by chairman Todd

Chris Graham -Maximizing Agricultural Productivity: Investigating Crop Succession Post-Sunflower Cultivation ​

Dr. Bishnu Karki -Utilization of sunflower seed processing waste for the co-production of edible mushrooms, dietary feed ingredients, and simultaneous biowaste mitigation ​

Dr. Hilary Ward ​- Standardization of honeybee health laboratory diagnostics for improved sunflower and canola oil yields ​

 **Review of possible funding for FY26**

* 1. Ali Nafchi – The Council wants to see a finished product as a result of the research of an inexpensive Laser Scarecrow project before funding a new project. There is a possiblity for funding of this continued research.
	2. Chris Graham – Post crops after Sunflowers. FY25 funds were used to plant sunflowers in
		1. and will be used to plant Corn, Peas and Spring Wheat on sunflower stubble to evaluate the yields following these sunflowers in the summer of 2025. Future funding will be concidered in the winter of 25-26.
	3. Bishnu Karki – As this is a request for the 3rd year of 3 the Council decided to offer $20,000 to finish up.

**Motion by Oberlander / Olson to offer funding to Bishnu Karki an amount of $20,000 for the FY26 funding of the project “Sunflower waste for production of Mushrooms and create feed ingredients.”**

* 1. Dr. Hillary Ward – Standardization of Honey Bee laboratory diagnostics. While the Council sees the need for this research we are too limited in our funds for this to be a priority.

**Approval of Service Contracts:**

**PUC: Motion to request the SD PUC for the FY26 year to audit first purchasers of Oilseeds grown in South Dakota at the rate submitted by the PUC up to $3,000. by Hourigan / Olson motion passed**

**Executive Director: SD Oilseed Council will agree to contract with Tom Young, to execute the position of Executive Director for the FY25 (July 1 2024 through June 30, 2025) as previously contracted and at a rate of $22,000 per year. By Olson /Hourigan passed.**

**Bonding of the Executive Director: The SD Oilseeds Council will purchase bonding of $10,000 for the position of the Executive Director. By Olson /Hourigan passed.**

**Budget FY26 Approval**

 **After reviewing the financials of the Oilseeds Council from FY2024 and Current FY2025, a motion to approve the Budget for the FY26 year with projected income of $294,500 and expenses of $297,000 and $2,500 being used from reserves. Motion by Hourigan / Olson motion Passed.**

**Election Of Officers**

**Motion to Elect: Chuck Todd, President**

 **Kei Oblander, Vice President**

 **Lance Hourigan, Sec. – Treasurer**

**By Hourigan – Olson Passed**

4:30 PM Bio Pesticide– Dr. Matthew Cole, Pioneer BioTechnology Company

 Dr. Cole reviewed the progress he has made in setting up his testing.

He needs two plots of 2.5 acres to test the different rates. This crop would be harvested and bured.

He has submitted his contract to our office to be reviewed and signed.

**Next Meeting Date** Next meeting has not yet been determined.

**Adjourn** 4:55 PM – **Motion by DuPoy / Olson to Adjourn. – passed**

**Submitted by Tom Young, Executive Director, SDOC**

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