

**South Dakota Corn Utilization Council (SDCUC)**  
**Board of Directors Meeting**  
**Minutes**  
**Tuesday, August 23, 2022**

**Call to Order**

President Chad Blindauer called the SDCGA Board of Directors meeting (via Zoom) to order at 1:01 PM on Tuesday, August 23, 2022.

**Roll Call**

The following members present: Nicholas Fickbohm, Justin Minnaert, Doug Noem, Stuart Samson, Grant Rix, Jim Klebsch, Reno Brueggeman, Chad Blindauer, Jim Ketelhut

Absent: None

Others: DaNlta, Murray, Gerry Heuer, Chris Petersen, Bryan Eden, Charlie Edinger, Rob Baruth and Troy Dowling.

**Agenda Approval**

President Blindauer requested the agenda item regarding James River Research Farm be moved and discussed first since guests were present to do so on zoom. It was moved by Grant Rix, seconded by Reno Brueggeman and approved unanimously to approve the agenda as amended.

**FY23 Budget Resolution**

Gerry Heuer reviewed the original salary/benefit worksheet previously approved with the budget and compared it to the revised request, noting the following changes:

- Benefit cost in original request understated by approximately \$10,000 due to basing on 4.0 FTE, not 5.0 FTE;
- Increase of .25 FTE;
- Revised request resulted in an increase in salary/benefits of \$152,027.

Motion was made by Doug Noem and seconded by Reno Brueggeman to amend the FY23 approved budget to increase salary/benefits in the amount of \$152,027 and revise the FTE column total to 5.25. The motion was approved unanimously.

**Draft FY24 DANR Budget Request Document**

Chris Petersen updated the Board on the budget submission for the State of South Dakota FY 2024, with the deadline of August 31, 2022.

**Research and Sponsorships**

- **Multi-State Ethanol Fuel Cell Proposal**  
Request of \$37,444.67 for 1<sup>st</sup> year funding only was made at previous board meeting. After further discussion, it was moved by Jim Ketelhut, seconded by Reno Brueggeman and approved unanimously to approve funding request.

- **James River Research Farm**

President Blindauer introduced Charlie Edinger to discuss the project. He was joined in the discussion by Bryan Eden, [insert name] & Rob Baruth, with the start of the project anticipated in 2024. Request is for start-up expenses in the amount of

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\$150,000. After further discussion, it was moved by Grant Rix, seconded by Jim Ketelhut and carried unanimously to approved the initial request.

- **Northern Crops Institute Future of Feeding Webinar**  
Staff had sent out detailed information prior to meeting requesting funding of \$4,500. See below for further action.
- **Northern Crops Institute Everything Ethanol Webinar**  
Staff had forwarded information prior to meeting, requesting funding of \$7,500. After further discussion, it was moved by Reno Brueggeman, seconded by Doug Noem and approved unanimously to approve both funding requests from the Northern Crops Institute.
- **Summit League Proposal**  
The Summit League submitted a proposal to fund \$5,000 of tickets for the National Guard. After further discussion, it was moved by Jim Ketelhut, seconded by Stuart Samson and carried unanimously to approve the request.

**Other Business**

No other business was brought forth.

**Public Comment**

No members of the public were present on zoom.

**Executive Session**

Not needed.

**Adjourn**

A motion to adjourn was made by Jim Ketelhut, seconded by Nick Fickbohm and approved. The meeting was adjourned at 2:18 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Reno Brueggeman  
Secretary

Gerry Heuer,  
Recording Secretary