

Minutes of South Dakota Oilseeds Council  
Board of Directors Meeting  
412 West Missouri Ave. Pierre, SD  
and via Zoom connections  
February 27, 2026

11:10 am CDT **Meeting Called to order** **by Chairman Todd**  
**Quorum was declared**

<u>Council Members:</u>		Chuck Todd	Present
Ryan Olson	Present	Lance Hourigan	Present via Zoom
Kei Oberlander	Present	Shannon DuPoy	Present via Zoom

Tom Young, Executive Director and Austin Young, Administrative Asst. Present

**Agenda approval** Additional agenda items were corrected. Date was wrong on header  
**Motion for approval of amended Agenda by 1<sup>st</sup> Olson 2<sup>nd</sup> Oberlander – Passed**

**Conflict of Interest** - Chuck Todd & Ryan Olson will not be participating in the proceedings with Pioneer BioTechnology.

**Minutes** Minutes of the January 20, 2026 and February 6, 2026 were reviewed and amended-  
**Motion for approval of amended Minutes for January 20,2026 by 1<sup>st</sup> Oberlander / 2<sup>nd</sup> Olson – Passed**  
**Motion for approval of Minutes for February 6, 2026 by 1<sup>st</sup> Oberlander 2<sup>nd</sup> Olson – Passed**

**Public Testimony** None was given

**Action Items**

Pioneer BioTech, Matthew Cole presented information on the testing of their red seed weevil Biopesticide control efforts using digestible bacterium. Matthew also made a funding request for FY27. New testing would be done looking at a fungus that would possibly stop weevils after the come in contact with the fungi. Also to gather additional data to be used for Tier I EPA safety tests. This application would be for authorization of further testing and labeling of the products for sale.

**Motion – The Oilseeds Council authorizes Executive Director Tom Young to enter into negotiations and final grant contract in year 2026 with Pioneer Bio Technology of Brookings, SD. This grant is authorized for up to \$45,000 or the testing of Biopesticide in efforts to control Sunflower Seed Weevils. Additionally, an application will be made to the Environmental Protection Agency, EPA, for clearances for the future testing and selling of the Biopesticides. 1<sup>st</sup> DuPoy 2<sup>nd</sup> Hourigan, Passed Vice-President Oberlander Presiding. Olson and Todd Abstaining.**

1:00pm Research Funding Proposals FY 2027

**SDSU PI Presentations for Research Grants**

Researchers joined the meeting to review research completed and explain their proposals for continued research in FY27 to the Council. Page numbers are in reference to the booklet summary of proposals.

<u>Bishnu</u>	<u>Karki</u>	<u>Utilization of Sunflower Processing Co-products for Edible Mushrooms and Other Value-Added Bioproducts. Pg 31</u>
<u>Govinda</u>	<u>Shrestha</u>	<u>Sunflower Pest Alert: Seed and Stalk Feeder Insects. Pg. 40</u>
<u>Govinda</u>	<u>Shrestha</u>	<u>Targeting Red Sunflower Seed Weevil with Parasitic Wasps and Insect Pathogen Products. Pg44</u>
<u>Chris</u>	<u>Graham</u>	<u>Maximizing Agricultural Productivity: Investigating Crop Production Following Sunflower Cultivation. Pg4</u>
<u>Adam</u>	<u>Varenhorst</u>	<u>Optimal Spray coverage rates with ground applicator through sunflower canary with water Pg 61</u>
<u>Ali</u>	<u>Nafchi</u>	<u>Combined Laser Technology with Flying Falcon-Hawk Decoy for Sunflower Birds Damage Control. Pg 11</u>
<u>Ail</u>	<u>Nafchi</u>	<u>Scarecrow Laser Follow-up of FY26</u>
<u>Gengjin</u>	<u>Chen</u>	<u>Primary Ingredient in Gluten-free Bakery Products. Pg 20</u>
<u>Crystal</u>	<u>Levesque</u>	<u>Increasing sunflower meal inclusion in broiler diets: defining inclusion limits with multi-enzyme supplementation. Pg 16</u>

**Summary of Proposals and vote for funding in FY27**

**Motion to fund \$6,988 Govinda Shrestha Sunflower Pest Alert: Seed and Stalk Feeder Insects. Data collection. 1st Hourigan 2nd Olson, Passed**

**Motion to fund \$20,600 Govinda Shrestha Targeting Red Sunflower Seed Weevil with Parasitic Wasps and Insect Pathogen Products. 1<sup>st</sup> Oberlander 2<sup>nd</sup> Hourigan, Passed**

**Motion to fund \$29,277 Gengjin Chen Primary Ingredient in Gluten-free Bakery Products. 1<sup>st</sup> Hourigan 2<sup>nd</sup> Oberlander, Passed**

**Financials Review was completed**

Motion to approve the Bank Accounts Review.

**Motion for approval by 1<sup>st</sup> Oberlander 2<sup>nd</sup> Hourigan – Passed**

**Financial Review: Motion was made to authorize Executive Director Young to contract with an individual or firm to conduct an audit or financial review of our accounts. Passed 1<sup>st</sup> Oberlander / 2<sup>nd</sup> Hourigan**

**National Sunflower Association, (NSA) Reports**

Director Todd, President of the NSA, reviewed the NSA's visit with several Congressional Offices in Washington DC. Topics they visited about included requesting the release of sunflower breeding genetics from the Fargo ARS Station which has in part been funded in part by the NSA. The FSA and NRCS are in a physical transition as in the closing of the old agriculture building in DC.

**FY2027 Budget**

The Council reviewed the current and past spending of funds to determine a budget for the FY2027.

**Motion was made to approve a FY2027 Budget with an income total of \$290,000 an expenditure total of \$320,700 and a transfer from savings of \$26,200. Passed 1<sup>st</sup> Hourigan / 2<sup>nd</sup> Oberlander**

**Web site development.** A in house web site is being developed to be reviewed at the next meeting.

**Next Meeting** - to be in March for interviews of the Director Position

**Motion to Adjourn** 1<sup>st</sup> Oberlander 2<sup>nd</sup> Horrigan, Passed at 5:20 pm

Submitted by: Tom Young, Executive Director