**Minutes of SD Oilseeds Council Meeting**

**January 31, 2023**

**SDSU Regional Extension Center**

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

**Tuesday January 31, 2023**

**11:30**  **Call to order** - Quorum Declared by Chairman Todd

Chuck Todd, Chairman Present Lance Hourigan Present

Kei Oberlander Present Shannon DuPoy Present

Ryan Olson Present

Tom Young, Executive Director Austin Young, Admin Assistant

Visitors: Cody Chambliss, Public Utilities Commission, PUC

* **Conflict of interest** announcements – None made
* **Approval of the Amended Agenda as posted - Motion by DuPoy / Oberlander – Passed**
* **Reading of the Minutes of September 9 & 10 2022. Motion by Olson / Oberlander - Passed**

**11:50 am Public Testimony** - time for public comment. No Comments were offered.

**Break for lunch.**

**1:00 pm New Business - Action Items to be reviewed & approved:**

**National Sunflower Association (NSA)**

Hourigan reported the NSA will have the traditional trip to Washington DC in March. Priorities will be working for funding of the Fargo ARS project creating a inventory of parent seed stock to offer to the industry. And the ARS greenhouses need to be rebuilt as they are not in service. Additionally, the NSA is very concerned with the ARS of Fargo still not having a director.

Todd reported he is now the 1st Vice President and in two years will be stepping up to serve as President of the NSA. (Recently Sec. Roberts, DANR appointed Todd to an additional 4 year term on the SD Oilseeds Council.) Hourigan just finished as the NSA President and will now serve as the Board Chairman for his last 2 years on the NSA. Ryan Olson will be attending his 1st NSA meeting in February as the Oilseeds Council’s 3rd member.

1. Oilseed’s FY24 contract with the NSA.

**Motion: SD Oilseeds Council, SDOC, agrees to a FY24 contract with the National Sunflower Association for sunflower grower education, promotion and research at the greater amount of either $200,000 or 60 percent of the SDOC’s Sunflower net income. Sunflower net incomes equals: the previous fiscal year’s Checkoff funds received for Sunflowers reduced by the refunds given for sunflowers, times a rate of 60%.** **Moved by DePoy / Hourigan passed.**

1. Chairman Todd appointed Shannon DePoy to fill the 4th seat the SDOC has with the NSA.
2. **Motion: Where as Sunflower Seed Weevils are creating production and economic loss for SD Sunflower Growers, the SD Oilseeds Council, SDOC will join the NSA in research of the weevils and will provide funds up to $30,000 in FY24 for joint research to be determined by the SDOC representatives attending the NSA meeting February 15-16, 2023. Hourigan / Olson passed.**
3. **Motion: Whereas the NSA will be holding their summer conference in Spearfish, SD, June 27-29 the Oilseeds Council will pay for the expenses of Council Members and Executive Director to attend the Conference. Expenses include: per diem, milage, meals, room and registration. Oberlander / Olson passed.**

**Service Contract-**

Cody Chambliss, PUC, gave a update on the FY23 audits of first purchasers of sunflowers and their compliance to collect and submit the checkoff for sunflower. Prelim reports are showing nearly $70,000 of funds not being submitted by the purchasers currently being audited. The Council will be responsible for collecting those funds upon the final report from the PUC.

**Financials** - Young gave a review of the Financials of FY23 through December 31, 2022.

The Council review all deposited and checks issued for FY23 through December 31.

Next meeting tentatively scheduled for February 23 & 24, 2023.

4:50 PM **Adjourn** – **Motion by Hourigan / Olson to Adjourn. – passed**

**Submitted by Tom Young, Executive Director**