Minutes of South Dakota Oilseeds Council

Board of Directors Meeting

Via Internet: Microsoft Team

Pierre, South Dakota

September 15, 2020

9:00 am CDT **Meeting Called to order by Chairman Todd**

**Quorum was declared**

Chuck Todd Present Lance Hourigan Present

Kei Oberlander Present Shannon DuPoy Absent

Lawrence Woodward Absent Tom Young, Executive Director Present

Department of Agriculture: Zach Walters

**Agenda approval** -No Additional agenda items were added.

**Motion for approval of Agenda by Hourigan / Oberlander – Passed**

**Conflict of Interest** - none was presented

**Minutes** the Minutes of the March 12, 2020 were reviewed

**Motion for approval by Oberlander / Hourigan – Passed**

**9:20 am Public Testimony** None was given

**Financials Review was completed**

**Action Items**

 -**SDSU Foundation** request the consideration of funding of a scholarship for the Department of Plant Science for under graduate studies. The review of several ways of funding a scholarship fund was reviewed. Examples included funding $12,100 for each year for 5 years to create an award of $2,000 min. per yr. Discussion went on whether the Oilseeds Council should fund a general scholarship with one school vs. having a dedicated fund for students from a variety of schools but more directly attached to determined merited studies. It was determined funding would not take place at this time.

 - **Web site formation** was reviewed with some insight given by Zach Walters, Dept. of Agriculture. Discussion on what kind of services would be need was held. At this time Tom will work to put some examples together for future consideration.

**-Ag Unity** is an organization of many of the SD Agricultural groups to share information an work together on common goal. Executive Director Young will attend their meetings as possible to see if there is a benefit to be a member.

**-Ag Horizons Conference** will be held in Pierre December 1-2 at the Ramkota Hotel. The format is yet to be fully determined because of the concerns of Covid-19.

**Motion to authorize the payment of expenses of the SD Oilseeds Council board members and their Executive Director for fees to attend in person or via the web to include registration, travel, room & board, materials for the Ag Horizons Conference.** 1st Horrigan 2nd Oberlander, Passed

**Motion to authorize the payment of expense of a speaker for the Ag Horizons Conference.**

1st Oberlander 2nd Horrigan, Passed

**Next Meeting** - to be determined in the January 2021, time frame.

**Motion to Adjourn** 1st Oberlander 2nd Horrigan, Passed at 10:20 am

Submitted by: Tom Young, Executive Director