

South Dakota Pulse Crops Council

Board Meeting Minutes

February 16, 2016

Roll Call was taken at 1:30 pm

Present were: Members David Neuharth, Raymond Roghair, Brad Karlen, Terry Ness staff Caren Assman. Kent Kinkler absent.

Motion was made by Member Terry Ness, seconded by Member Brad Karlen to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

Minutes

Motion was made by Member Karlen, seconded by Member Terry Ness to approve the minutes of the December 29, 2015 meeting. Motion carried. With correction: Brad Karlen sent out 110 letters to producers, requesting them to contact RMA about insurance coverage for pulse crops.

Financial

Motion made by Member Terry Ness to approve the January 31, 2016 financial statement. Member Brad Karlen seconded motion passed.

Reciprocal Agreement North Dakota

In an effort to increase check off funds for South Dakota, the Council is working to create a reciprocal agreement with North Dakota. A meeting was attended during the Northern Pulse Growers Association Annual Convention on January 25 – 26, 2016, in Minot, to discuss the possibility.

Issues that were discussed with the North Dakota Pulse Growers include:

*What information needs to be provided on the elevator scale tickets; Kent Kinkler visited with a local elevation about the information listed on a scale ticket (zip code vs address). The elevator manager did not see an issue for most elevators, but they did not want a significant change in the information that was to be collected.

It was decided to revisit this issue at a later date which would allow for our plant to get up and running and to see how the situation developed with Montana and North Dakota.

Guest Speaker, Bob Weyrick, Western Ag Development, Department of Ag, handles the Specialty Crop Block Grants brought the Council up to speed as to what grants were available for 2016.

There is \$250,000 worth of block grants available with a specific list of requirements. Deadline for receiving these grants is around the end of April 2016. Grants are allocated in federal fiscal year running from Oct 1st thru Sept 30th. Chick peas, lentils and others fall into this block grant category.

SDSU Test Plots

The Council reviewed Chris Graham's proposal for 5 test plots for 27 pea varieties with protein testing and 3 test plots for lentils for 2016. Those locations include Ft. Thompson , Blunt, Dakota Lakes, Selby and Wall.

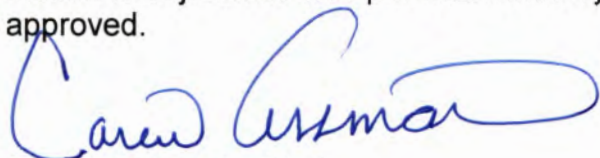
Motion made by member Raymond Roghair to approve the 2016 plot test proposal by Chris Graham and Febina Mathews for a total of \$16,883. Seconded by Brad Karlen motion passed.

Multi Management Services Contract Bond Coverage

Motion by Brad Karlen to change the \$250,000 Commercial General Liability Insurance coverage to a to have the MMSI contract to be covered by a \$25,000 bond. And to approve David Neuharth to sign the amended contract. Seconded by Terry Ness, motion passed.

Brad Karlen moved a motion to approval 12 invoices totaling \$3,247.11 as presented. Terry ness seconds, motion passed.

Motion to adjourn at 4.10 pm was made by Raymond Roghair, seconded by Terry Ness. Motion approved.



Respectfully submitted,
Caren Assman, Recorder