

**South Dakota Pulse Council
Board Meeting Minutes
November 30, 2015**

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Nueharth at 7:30 PM.

Present were: Council Directors David Neuharth, Henry Roghair, Brad Karlen, Terry Ness and Caren Assman.

Agenda

Motion was made by Director Terry, seconded by Director Karlen to approve the agenda as provided. Motion carried.

Minutes

Motion was made by Director Karlen, seconded by Director Ness, to approve the minutes of the October 20, 2015 meeting. Motion carried.

Financials

Caren Assman reported on the financial statement ending October 30, 2015. Motion was made by Director Roghair, seconded by Director Karlen to approve the financial report as presented.

Reciprocal Agreement North Dakota

Discussion was had concerning the many acres of pulse crops that leave the state and checkoff funds are not realized. 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 has been scheduled during the Northern Pulse Growers Association Annual Convention on January 25 – 26, 2016, in Minot to discuss the possibility.

Test Plots

Chris Graham provided a proposal for 5 test plots for 27 peas varieties with protein testing and 3 test plots for lentils for 2016. Those locations include Bison, Blunt, Dakota Lakes, Selby and Wall.

Several industry companies attended the meeting and provided input on the test plots results and outcome of the trials. Some discussion was had on the concept of a fee being charged for test plots. No final decision was made.

Nueharth asked for a list of priority for plot research from industry members and also from SDSU.

Next Meeting Date

A conference call was recommended for the next Pulse Council meeting date to be determined.

Meeting was temporarily adjourned at 9:30 pm. Meeting was reconvened on Tuesday, December 1, 2015, to finalize discussion on plot trial research. Motion to reconvene on December 1 was made at 7:00 pm and motion to adjourn at 7:30 p.m. was made by Roghair, seconded by Karlen. Motion approved.

Respectfully submitted,
Caren Assman, Recorder