

South Dakota Pulse Council

Board Meeting Minutes

December 29, 2015

The conference call was called to order by Chairman Neuharth at 2:02 PM.

Present were: Commissioners David Neuharth, Henry Roghair, Brad Karlen, Kent Kinkler, Raymond Roghair and Caren Assman. Welcome to Raymond Roghair, new commissioner.

Agenda

Motion was made by Commissioner Henry Roghair, seconded by Commissioner Karlen to approve the agenda with the addition of a Bond requirement for the Executive Commissioner. Motion carried.

Minutes

Motion was made by Commissioner Karlen, seconded by Commissioner Henry Roghair to approve the minutes of the November 30, 2015 meeting. Motion carried.

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 has been scheduled during the Northern Pulse Growers Association Annual Convention on January 25 – 26, 2016, in Minot to discuss the possibility.

Issues to be 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.

*Make sure both states agree to what is included under the name pulse crops. South Dakota lists lentils, dry peas, chickpeas and lupines.

Brad Karlen mentioned that the official name of the Council is the SD Pulse Crops Council. All agreement and documents should include the proper name of the Council.

Motion made by Commissioner Kinkler to have Commissioners Karlen, Neuharth and Executive Director Assman negotiate with the North Dakota Pulse Growers concerning a reciprocal agreement between the two states. Seconded by Henry Roghair. Motion passed.

SDSU Test Plots

Chris Graham provided a proposal for 5 test plots for 27 pea 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 November 30th, meeting and provided input on the test plots results and outcome of the trials. Neuharth asked for a list of priority for plot research from industry members and also from SDSU.

Priorities include:

1-Yield, 2-Lodging, 3-Seed Size, 4-Plant Disease Rating, 5-Protein, 6-Days to Bloom, 7-Bloom Duration, 8-Days to Physical Maturity, 9-Height Index.

Chris Graham discussed results from North Dakota plots and proposed that SDSU would work to create similar categories so that results would be the same for comparison purposes.

There were some concerns about recommendation created from the data. Roghair recommended that SDSU plot researchers simply share the data with no recommendations.

Zones or SDSU plot locations were discussed and it was requested that consideration be given to changes to the Zones. Henry Roghair suggested using plot locations rather than zones to better reflect land type and climate affects.

Neuharth recommended talking to Chris Graham about sight locations and which would work best for the researchers. New test plot sites would include John Daily and Bryan Jorgensen's fields.

Brad Karlen reference the possibility of using extra money to include a crop consultant to help SDSU but it does not seem to be a need at this time. It seems that more equipment is a larger need.

There were a few concerns with certain plots and it was recommended that the plot producer have direct communication with the researcher for timeliness of accurate crop analysis.

Executive Commissioner Bonding

Brad Karlen moved a motion to have the MMSI carry a bond of \$250,000 set by the Board with review by the state, seconded by Kent. Motion passed.

RMA Coverage

Brad Karlen sent out 110 letters to requesting RMA to have pulse crops covered in more counties. Ruth Beck, ED for the Pulse Growers Association has several meetings scheduled to promote this concept. Neuharth thanked Karlen for his efforts on this matter.

Thanks by Council members for Henry Roghair's time of service to the Pulse Council and for the recruitment of Raymond Roghair.

Motion to adjourn at 3.00 pm was made by Roghair, seconded by Karlen. Motion approved.

Respectfully submitted,
Caren Assman, Recorder