

South Dakota Corn Utilization Council (SDCUC)
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
Dakota BioWorx Building
Brookings, SD
August 6, 2024

Pledge of Allegiance

SDCUC President Jim Ketelhut led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Call to Order

SDCUC President Jim Ketelhut called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM on Tuesday, August 6, 2024.

Roll Call

The following SDCUC members were present: Nicholas Fickbohm, Justin Minnaert, Doug Noem, Chris Nickeson, Jay Esser, Chad Blindauer, Jim Ketelhut.

SDCUC members absent: Reno Brueggeman

Others present: DaNita Murray, Alison Klinkhammer, Amanda Bechen, Margaret Pennock, Patrick Mahoney, Dr. Barry Dunn, Michael Schelling, CPA (via Zoom), Charlie Edinger (via Zoom), Cody Zilverberg (via Zoom), members of South Dakota Farm Bureau board and staff, Jake Frier, Michael Houdyshell, Wendy Semmler, Jacob Brehmer, Sasha Strohm (via Zoom), Kathryn Zook (via Zoom), Sam Nelson, Laura Edwards

Agenda Approvals

Doug Noem moved to approve the SDCUC agenda, seconded by Justin Minnaert, motion carried unanimously.

SDSU President Barry Dunn

Dr. Dunn thanked the board for their support and provided a general update on relevant topics at SDSU.

Approval of Financials

Michael Schelling, CPA of Dakota CPA presented the SDCUC financials for the year ending 6/30/2024 via Zoom. The SDCUC financials are considered a draft, as more checkoff reports were set to come in by August 9.

Chad Blindauer moved to approve the SDCUC financials for the year ending 6/30/24. Seconded by Nick Fickbohm. Motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Minutes

Doug Noem moved to approve the SDCUC June 20, 2024, meeting minutes as presented. Seconded by Chad Blindauer. Motion passed unanimously.

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Dakota Lakes Research Farm Update

Charlie Edinger and Cody Zilverberg gave an update on the research project's fossil fuel goals, livestock integration, and management transition.

Voluntary Carbon Credits - USDA

Sasha Strohm and Kathryn Zook of the USDA provided a presentation on voluntary carbon credits via Zoom.

USD Ag Law Student Presentation

Jake Frier, student in the SDSU Ag Law program, presented his agricultural law paper on the insurance market in the Midwest.

SD Department of Revenue – Property Tax Presentation

Michael Houdyshell & Wendy Semmler of the South Dakota Department of Revenue presented on how the state of South Dakota calculates property taxes. Members of South Dakota Farm Bureau board and staff joined the meeting for the presentation.

Brookings County Director of Equalization – Tax Rates

Jacob Brehmer, Brookings County Director of Equalization, presented on how tax rates are calculated.

Staff Updates

SDCGA staff provided FYI updates to the board on Dec. board outing at Great Shots, Justin Minnaert, 2024 Outstanding Individual with a Disability, Council audit beginning week of Aug. 19 and district reports.

Discussion

The board discussed doing a study on in-state corn grind demand. Chad Blindauer made a motion to approve up to \$50,000 for the study. It is to be completed before the end of 2024. The motion was seconded by Jay Esser. Motion passed unanimously.

Trent Kubik shared on the Endangered Species Act and the challenges it presents regarding pesticides. Doug Noem made a motion to provide \$10,000 for an independent contractor to assist with the EPA Herbicide Framework and the Draft Insecticide Framework. The motion was seconded by Chad Blindauer. Motion passed unanimously.

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DaNita Murray requested the SDARL funding be increased from \$10,000 to \$15,000 for FY25. Justin Minnaert made a motion to improve the increase. The motion was seconded by Chris Nickeson. Motion passed unanimously.

Other Business

None.

Public Comment (if needed)

None.

Executive Session (if needed)

None.

Adjournment

SDCUC President Jim Ketelhut adjourned the meeting at 3:25pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Patrick Mahoney, Recording Secretary

Justin Minnaert, Secretary/Treasurer, South Dakota Corn Utilization Council