

**South Dakota Pulse Crops Council
Meeting Minutes, February 11, 2026**

Chair Kip Erickson called the meeting to order at 2:30 pm CT. Members present were Benson Kleinschmidt, Fred Foland, Darin Malsam, Ruth Beck and Dwayne Beck. Tyrel Eisenbraun, and Kip Erickson, attended remotely.

Agenda: Benson Kleinschmidt moved to approve the agenda as presented. Fred Foland second. Motion passed.

Minutes: Fred Foland moved to approve minutes from the last meeting. Second by Darin Malsam. Motion passed.

Financial Report: Financial reports (Profit Loss Detail & Balance Sheet) were provided prior to the meeting for review.

Bankwest account: \$4507.99

State account balance totaled (2/10/2026): \$264,381.39

Bills: Ruth Beck presented an invoice for labor of \$812.50 and a second invoice of \$4.80 for expenses.

Benson Kleinschmidt moved to approve the financial statement and pay any bills. Motion was second by Fred Foland. Motion passed.

Old Business:

Planting Intentions: Producers said they are currently considering contracts for 2026 peas. Contracts running between \$7-8.00. ADM, Puris, Peterson Seeds are options. Contract prices are variable due to different pickup/delivery options. Kip will consider maintaining acres of Chickpeas. Still provide a good option.

SDSU Variety Trial: There is some interest in expanding the pea variety trials to the SE part of the state. The manager at the SDSU SE Research Farm is in favor and feels he could put in one or two trials in 2026. One location would be on the research farm and other would possibly be located in the area but off the research farm. Chris Graham (West River variety trials) will help put seed together for SE Farm trials. Chris, as in the past, will put in three sites of field peas in central and western SD as well as three sites of chickpea varieties.

A motion was made by Benson Kleinschmidt to provide funding to the SDSU SE Research Farm of up to \$5000.00/variety trial site, up to two site locations total and also to continue to financially support the three locations for pea and chickpea variety trials in central and western South Dakota. This motion was seconded by Darin Malsam. Motion passed.

Website: Some of the links need to be fixed. Ruth is working on this.

New Business:

HB 189: Some discussion regarding this House Bill. Darin Malsam reported that the bill has been deferred for action until the 41st day of session.

Liaison Reports:

Research Committee: (Dwayne Beck) Dwayne has attended the research meetings on behalf of the SD PCC. The next one is February 17. He feels optimistic at some of the current research they are funding.

International Marketing: Some discussion that US Aid programs will become more active in near future. Hopefully this will be helpful for moving old crop. Darin will replace Benson on this committee.

InfoGov: (Tyrel Eisenbraun, Darin Malsam, Kip Erickson) Darin and Kip attended last meeting. Some discussion regarding trying to get RMA to treat yellow peas different from green peas.

Domestic Marketing- (Ruth Beck) The big news is that the US recently increased the amount of pulse crops suggested in the US Daily Food Guidelines from 1.5 cups/week to 2.5 cups/week. The domestic marketing group does a lot of marketing via social media and at food conferences/events across the US.

Variety Trials: Benson Kleinschmidt will remain as liaison for this committee.

USDP&LC/USA Pulses Committee: Fred is liaison for this committee. Next meeting is March 12, 3-7 PM CT

Next meeting of the SD PCC is set for June 16, 2026 at 1:30 PM CT.

Fred Foland moved to adjourn. Darin Malsam seconded. Motion passed.