

**South Dakota Pulse Crops Council
Meeting Minutes, February 13, 2024**

Chair Kip Erickson called the meeting to order at 1:30 pm CT. Members present were Benson Kleinschmidt, Kip Erickson and Tyrel Eisenbraun. Leigh Leesman was absent. Other attendees were Brian Walsh and Cheyenne Tant with the SD DANR.

Benson Kleinschmidt moved to skip to new business and discuss future options for the board in light of very reduced pea, lentil & chickpea acres across the state and the resignation of a board member. We will return to the old business after discussion. Motion seconded by Tyrel Eisenbraun. Motion passed.

Discussion included thoughts from Brian Walsh regarding the state law outlining the checkoff for peas, lentils & chickpeas. The USDPLC has relayed that we need to pay our membership in order to offer revenue insurance to SD growers. The board felt this was desirable if we want to keep any acres in state. Board decided to continue as before with some effort towards streamlining meetings (including doing more remotely) and possibly leaving some national committee positions empty at this time.. Kip is going to visit with Brian Jelinek and check on how the Nebraska Pea, Lentil & Chickpea Commission is organized. There may be some benefit to working with them on some issues.

Agenda: Benson Kleinschmidt moved to approve the agenda as presented. Tyrel Eisenbraun second. Motion passed.

Minutes: Minutes of the last meeting were read. Tyrel Eisenbraun moved to approve minutes from the last meeting. Second by Benson Kleinschmidt. Motion passed.

Financial Report: Financial reports (Profit Loss Detail & Balance Sheet) were provided by Ruth Beck.

Bankwest account: \$1701.43

State account balance: \$261,092.09

Bills: Ruth Beck presented an invoice for \$375.75 (December-February hours). This includes hours worked, as well as expenses incurred. Benson Kleinschmidt moved to pay the bill as presented. Tyrel Eisenbraun second the motion. Motion passed.

Benson Kleinschmidt moved to pass the financial report. Tyrel Eisenbraun seconded the motion. Passed.

Old Business:

Activities: Ruth attended the budget meeting for SD DANR at the Capitol on Feb. 5.

SDSU Variety Trials: we have not been billed for the variety trials from 2022 or 2023. We owe \$24201.00 for 2022, 2023 research. Benson Kleinschmidt moved that the board transfer \$25,000.00 into the BankWest account to pay for the work associated with the 2022 and 2023 SDSU Pea & Chickpea Variety trial research work. Motion seconded by Tyrel Eisenbraun. Motion passed.

New Business:

Website Update: Ruth is working on this.

Empty board positions: Suggestions 1. Reid Feller, (Industry) 2. Darren Malsam. Benson and Ruth will work on this.

Insurance questionnaire: Board spent some time working on this. Ruth will put answers together and send to Lewis Crow at RMA.

Liaison/Committee Reports:

Washington Trip Report: Benson and his wife attended.

Research Committee: Dwayne Beck is going to sit on this committee for the short term.
Variety Testing: Nothing to report

USDPLC board: Nothing to report

International Marketing: China is dumping protein into the US. This is a concern for US growers
Domestic Marketing: Nothing to report
Info Gov Policy: Nothing to report

Next Meeting Date: The next meeting is scheduled for June 11. Meeting will be held over zoom.

Adjournment – Motion to adjourn by Benson Kleinschmidt. Second by Tyrel Eisenbraun. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,
Ruth Beck
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