**South Dakota Pulse Crops Council**

 **Council Meeting Minutes, March 15, 2022**

**Roll Call** was taken at 2:05 pm CST – Present members were Chairman David Neuharth, Brad Karlen, Leigh Leesman. Tyrel Eisenbraun attended over the phone. Staff attending was Ruth Beck.

**Agenda**

Brad Karlen moved to approve the agenda as presented. Leigh Leesman seconded the motion. Motion passed.

**Minutes**

Ruth Beck read the minutes of the last meeting held on January 27, 2022. Tyrel Eisenbraun moved to approve the minutes of the meeting on 1-27-2022 as written. Leigh Leesman second. Passed.

**Financial Report**

Ruth presented the financial report including the Profit Loss Detail Report and the Balance Sheet from July1, 2021 through March 14, 2022. There was some discussion that the council’s quick book account does not completely agree with the state account. There is a $875.41 discrepancy between the what the state balance shows and the council’s Quickbook balance. Brad K moved to approve the financial report as submitted. Tyrel Eisenbraun second. Passed.

Ruth is going to reach out to Darcy Keiser at the state and see if there is any concern about the discrepancy. It may be advisable to look into getting an audit of our books done?

**Bills:** One invoice was submitted for Ruth’s labor/time for ($1393.33). Tyrel Eisenbraun moved to pay bills as presented. Brad Karlen seconded the motion. Motion passed.

**Old Business:**

**Logo for SD PCC-** Group looked at selection of 3 logos that Travis Stout designed. The group liked example 1. Brad K moved to use the top left logo (specimen 1) as the SDPCC trademark. Leigh Leesman second. Passed.

Ruth will proceed to register the logo at the state level. She wondered if it is necessary to register the logo at the federal level? She will ask NPGA (Shannon Berndt) about registering the trademark at the federal label. Brad Karlen moved to have Ruth fill out application to get logo trademark, exhibit 1, registered with the state of SD. Motion second by Leigh Leesman. Passed

Brad Karlen made a motion to give Travis Stout a $100.00 gift certificate to Cattlemans. The gift certificate will be paid from the Bank West checking account. Second Leigh Leesman. Passed.

**Trifold Brochure-** Ruth has not had a chance to move forward with this yet.

**SD/NE Reciprocity Agreement-** Brad Karlen is in contact with the NE group. They are still waiting on approval from their Attorney General for this agreement. This status has not changed. Brad will keep in touch with their council regarding this.

**SDSU Variety Trials:** Chris Graham gave a report on variety trials. They have 46 entries**.** Last yearthey had 3 sites (Sturgis, Wall, DLRF). He feels that three sites is an appropriate ampunt of work for the labor they have. It is hard for them to manage too many sites that involve a lot of driving. Group felt it might be better to have less sites and get them planted in a timely manner vs. having too many locations and not getting the work done. Brad Karlen moved that Chris Graham host pea variety test trials at 3 sites in 2022. Second by Tyrel Eisenbraun. Passed

Winter peas. Tested 12 varieties at the Sturgis farm in 2022. This is the second year of that trial. Trying to find varieties that will survive in our climate. He has had some challenges with weed control.

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**Meeting Frequency:** It is tough to get a time/day that works for everyone. Ruth suggested five meetings per year- January, March, June, September and November. The group is going to continue to examine this and hopefully find some dates that work for everyone.

**Shirts:** Board would like to get shirts or hats to put the logo on.

**Communication within Board:** Brad Karlen suggested a protocol for voting on items outside of meetings. This would help business to flow easier.Suggestion made to allow the group to be able to conduct a motion over email to facilitate the business. Votes will be public among the board.

Looking for more names of individuals who might consider serving on the council.

Potential board members: Benson Kleinschmidt, Kipp Erickson, others??

**USDPLC Financial commitment:** Should the SD PCC contribute dollars to the USDPLC to help support their programs. At this time the SD PCC contributes a membership fee of $10,000.00 each year. A suggestion was made to contribute another $15-20000.00 to the USDP&LC that would be used to help fund their programs. Their programs help growers all across the US. They are beneficial to all growers.

Brad Karlen moved that the SD PCC donate $20,000.00 to program costs of the USDPLC for this fiscal year. Second by Leigh Leesman. Motion passed.

**Liaison & Reports for SD Pulse Crops Council**

**Reports:**

**USADPLC Board** – Brad Karlen

**USADPLC Variety Release Committee** -Brad Karlen

**Info/Gov committee** -Tyrel Eisenbraun. The Feb DC virtual trip was successful. Emphasis on the Shipping reform Bill.

**Communication:** vacant

**Research** – Jason Miller. The research committee evaluated 41 grants.Jason submitted the reports andRuth will share the reports with the board.

**International Marketing** – open

**Domestic Marketing** – Ruth Beck-attended a domestic marketing meeting on March 11. Budget of $1 million to promote beans, peas, lentils & chickpeas in the US.

**Adjournment –** Motion to adjourn by Brad Karlen. Seconded by Leigh Leesman. Passed.

Next meeting will be held in June.

Respectfully submitted,

Ruth Beck

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