

**South Dakota Pulse Crops Council
Meeting Minutes, March 16, 2023**

Chair Kip Erickson called the meeting to order at 3:00 pm CT. Members present were Brad Karlen and Benson Kleinschmidt. Board members attending virtually were Kip Erickson and Leigh Leesman. Other attendees were Research Committee representative, Jason Miller, and staff, Ruth Beck. Absent Tyrel Eisenbraun.

Agenda: Brad Karlen moved to approve the agenda as written. Benson Kleinschmidt second. Passed

Minutes: Minutes of the last meeting were read. Brad Karlen moved to approve the minutes of the last meeting. Benson Kleinschmidt second. Passed.

Financial Report: Financial report presented by Ruth Beck. Brad Karlen moved to pass the financial report. Benson Kleinschmidt seconded the motion. Passed

Bills: Ruth Beck presented an invoice for \$1002.33. This included hours worked, as well as expenses. Benson Kleinschmidt moved to approve and pay the bill as presented. Leigh Leesman seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Old Business:

Ruth-attended the state Budget meeting, domestic marketing and a meeting hosted at the capital by the Hunter Roberts, Secretary of DANR.

DC Trip Report: Kip attended. Enjoyed the experience. Kip thought it was very well organized. There were over 100 meetings with representatives & senators and/or aids during the week.

Retiring Board Member plaques/ gifts: Ruth will deliver Dave's plaque and Benson will deliver Terry's.

Variety Release Committee Meeting- Benson attended. The USDP&LC is developing protocols to sell certified pea, lentil and chickpea seed through a network. National Committee would collect royalties.

Reciprocity- Brad Karlen is still looking into this and how to overcome this so we can get check off dollars back from NE.

New Business:

SDSU Variety Trials: Benson Kleinschmidt moved to approve the budget for the SDSU 2023 pulse crop variety trial. Brad Karlen second. Passed.

Website Update: Brad Karlen moved to allow Ruth up to \$5000 to update the website (sdpulsegrowers.com). Second Benson Kleinschmidt. Passed.

Shipping Container Hub: Brad is keeping in touch with Jerry Schmitz at the SD Soybean Council regarding their not yet scheduled meeting regarding the promoting a possible shipping container hub in Sioux Falls. He will keep Council members informed.

Liaison/Committee Reports

USDP&LC:

Dusty Johnson's bill The SHIP IT Act creates a pilot program so all states that do not have the ability to exceed 80,000 would be able to do so at 91,000 on 6 axles. The SHIP IT Act would not change the limits in states like South Dakota which have GVW limits currently higher than 91,000. It would be a voluntary program, so only states that are interested in participating would apply. It would provide grants for the development of truck parking areas along main transportation corridors. And also provide tax credits available to new CDL drivers. And also provide for grants to assist new drivers in the CDL certification process

Brad Karlen moved that the SD PCC authorize him to present to the USADP&LC the letter from the SD Attorney General's office regarding liability concerns that could arise from the proposed future participation by the SDPCC

in “Pulse Crops: The Climate Solution” and “Pulse Producers Going Beyond Carbon Neutral: The Road to Net-Zero” grants. Furthermore, SDPCC withdraws any support possible given for these grants, whether that support be official or implied. If the proposed Grants are further pursued within the USADP&LC, the SDPCC will be forced to withdraw its membership from the USADP&LC. Leigh Leesman second the motion. Motion passed.

Brad would like to attend the next meeting in person in Minneapolis in June. 21, 22. Benson Kleinschmidt moved that the SD PCC support Brad’s travel costs to attend the next USDP&LC meeting in Minneapolis. Second by Leigh Leesman. Passed.

Research Committee: Jason ranked 35 grants.

International Marketing: Benson Kleinschmidt attended. Working on restoring the trade relationship with India. India has potential to be a big market for US pulse crops. Need to work on removing tariffs on US pulse products.

Discussed food aid announcement from USDP&LC.

Domestic Marketing: Ruth attended most recent meeting. Lots of work being done by this group to promote pulse crops within the US. They put a lot of work into social media. But also are working to increase the amount of pulse crops recommended in American diets. They also have some partnerships they call “popular pairings”. One successful example of this is a partnership with the pork industry.

Next Meeting: June 26 at 1 PM CT. Pierre Regional Extension Center, 412 West Missouri Ave., Pierre, SD

Adjournment – Motion to adjourn by Benson Kleinschmidt Second by Brad Karlen. Passed.

Respectfully submitted,
Ruth Beck
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