**South Dakota Pulse Crops Council**

 **Council Meeting Minutes, May 4, 2022**

**Meeting held online**

**Roll Call** was taken at 4:05 pm CST – Present members were Chairman David Neuharth, Brad Karlen, Leigh Leesman. Tyrel Eisenbraun and Terry Ness. Also attending was Jason Miller, NRCS, Tim McGreevy, USDPLC, Will Lyttle, USDPLC, Kim Monk, USDPLC

**Agenda**

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

Tim McGreevy presented information on two grants that the US Dry Pea & Lentil Council and the American Pulse Council are submitting for funding through the “New Partnership for Climate Smart Commodities” grant.

The first grant, which is being submitted by the US Dry Pea & Lentil Council, is targeted at educating and incentivizing farmers, animal protein producers and food manufacturers on how including pulse crops in crop rotations, animal rations and food can reduce green house gas emissions.

The goal of the second grant, which is being submitted by the American Pulse Council, is to create a net zero pulse production industry via carbon insets, where farmers use their carbon credits to bring value to pulse crop markets.

Once Tim explained the grants, the board spent some time asking questions and discussing the grants.

Terry Ness moved that the SD Pulse Crop Council support both grant proposals as presented today, and Brad Karlen seconded the motion. The board unanimously voted to support both grants. Motion passed.

Tim McGreevy said he would add our names to the support letters for both grants.

Meeting adjourn at 6 PM CST.

Respectfully submitted,

Ruth Beck

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