

**South Dakota Pulse Crops Council
Meeting Minutes, June 17, 2026**

Chair Kip Erickson called the meeting to order at 6:50 pm CT. All members attended virtually. Attendees were Benson Kleinschmidt, Fred Foland, Darin Malsam, Tyrel Eisenbraun, Kip Erickson, Ruth Beck and Dwayne Beck. Also attending were Drex Rhoades, Tim McGreevy, Todd Scholtz, and Soren Dorius from US Pulses.

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

Minutes: Darin Malsam 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 prior to the meeting for review.

Bankwest account: \$4414.99

State account balance totaled (6/15/2026): \$258,912.04

Bills: Ruth Beck presented an invoice for labor of \$962.50 and a second invoice of \$7.35 for expenses. Annual contract for US Pulses (\$20,000.00) is due.

Darin Malsam moved to approve the financial statement and pay Ruth Beck invoices and the annual contract with the US Pulses. Motion was second by Benson Kleinschmidt. Motion passed.

Old Business:

Planting Intentions: Producers discussed challenging planting conditions they have encountered this spring.

Website: Some updates needed. Benson felt most links worked.

Samples for SDSU Quality Report: Ruth encouraged anyone growing pulse crops for human consumption to submit a sample to Dr. Cliff Hall at SDSU. He needs a 2 lb. sample and will take the sample anytime this fall. Samples can be delivered to the SDSU Extension office in Pierre or mailed to Cliff Hall at SDSU. Ruth has paperwork that should be submitted with the sample.

New Business:

SDSU Variety Trials: In addition to the pea and chickpea CPT plots that are planted each year by Dr. C. Graham, the SDSU SE Research Farm initiated 3 plots. Plots were located at the SE Research Farm, at the NE Research farm (South Shore), and one is located on a farm near Wagner, SD. Plots consisted of 11 yellow pea varieties, randomized across 4 reps. Plot size was 5' x 25' and seeding rate was 300,000 pls/acre. The SE Research Farm sent pictures of the plots and said they are planning a farm tour on July 7 and an additional tour at the farm near Wagner on July 8. The board had agreed in the Feb meeting to pay up to \$10,000 towards the cost of these plots. Ruth submitted a request for payment to the SD DANR on June 16. She

also sent a check to the West River crew for \$13,140.00 to cover the cost of the 2025 CPT plots.

Management Contract: Ruth submitted a new contract for the 2026-27 year. She raised her price from \$50.00/hour to \$55/hour. Darin Malsam moved to approve the new management contract. Motion was seconded by Benson Kleinschmidt. Motion passed.

Jennifer Scharpe who manages the SD Oilseed Council and SD Wheat Association has approached Ruth to see if we would like her to manage the SD Pulse Council. Ruth will invite her to the September meeting.

Budget FY28: This will be due in August. Ruth suggested that there should be an increase in the amount allotted to Grants and Subsidies. In the past this covered the CPT trials, however if we continue to fund variety trials across east river as well as the CPT variety trials, we should increase this amount by at least \$8000.00 to \$25000.00.

Tyrel moved to approve the budget for FY28 with an increase in the amount allotted for grants and research. Fred Foland seconded the motion. Motion passed

Liaison Reports:

Research Committee: (Dwayne Beck) Dwayne has attended the research meetings on behalf of the SD PCC. He missed the last meeting and expressed concern over current climate of budget cuts.

Variety Trials: Benson Kleinschmidt attended the last meeting. Looking for varieties that will work for this area and a winter pea variety that would survive our winter and would have more biomass. Tim McGreevy noted the request. He said there was a new chickpea variety called Warren. Seed should be available soon.

USDP&LC/USA Pulses Committee: Fred is liaison for this committee. Missed the last meeting. He felt fortunate to be part of the ag group that met in Washington DC this spring. Tim McGreevy added that farmers have an opportunity to add base acres this year and encouraged farmers to contact the FSA if they want to adjust base acres. Deadline is August 31. Also discussed "Bridge" payments.

International Marketing: Darin Malsam. Ruth needs to make sure Kim knows Darin is on that committee.

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. Budget has been cut significantly for 2026-27.

Next meeting of the SD PCC is set for September 9, 2026 at 1:30 PM CT.

Tyrel Eisenbraun moved to adjourn meeting. Darin Malsam seconded. Motion passed.