

**South Dakota Pulse Crops Council
Meeting Minutes, June 18, 2025**

Chair Kip Erickson called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm CT. Members present on the zoom call were Kip Erickson, Benson Kleinschmidt, Tyrel Eisenbraun and Fred Foland. Also in attendance was Ruth Beck, staff, and Darin Malsam, SD producer and Dwayne Beck, research committee representative.

Agenda: Fred Foland moved to approve the agenda as presented. Tyrel Eisenbraun second. Motion passed.

Minutes: Ruth Beck read the minutes of the last meeting. Fred Foland 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: \$3110.39

State account balance totaled (06/18/2025): \$265,290.58

Bills included Factor 360 (email management \$85.00), Ruth Beck (labor, expenses) and payment for the 2024 SDSU Pea CPT Trial.

Tyrel Eisenbraun moved to approve the Financial Reports, pay current bills and transfer \$14000.00 from the state account to the Bankwest account. Second by Fred Foland. Motion passed.

Old Business:

Crop condition: Kip, Tyrel, Benson, Fred and Darin Malsam all reported on crop conditions in their respective areas. Lots of rain in Martin, chickpeas in that area are looking somewhat pale, but otherwise not too bad. Wall is very dry this year. Harrold is dry. Midland conditions so far are good as received some timely rain that has helped. Conditions at the Dakota Lakes Res. Farm are good to date. They were dry early but also received some timely rains.

Washington Trip: Fred reported on his trip with the USDPLC to Washington. An interesting time to be in DC due to transition of administration. He said they saw Sen. Rounds and Rep. Johnson and met with Sen. Thunes staff.

USDPLC Meeting in Rapid City 3/11/2025: Ruth, Dwayne and Fred attended.

SDSU Variety Trial Update: 2024: we need to pay \$12374 to the SDSU Crop Improvement group to cover the variety trials for 2024 trials. Kip will visit with Chris Graham regarding payment options for this amount.

Board Vacancy: We have one vacancy we would like to fill. Ruth will email some ideas to other members to see if we can find someone willing to fill the vacancy.

Crop Quality Survey: Dr. Cliff Hall from SDSU is interested in receiving samples of peas and chickpeas grown in SD. He does a quality survey of pulse crops grown across the USA each year. This is beneficial for accessing markets and selling the product. Previous year's survey results are posted on the Pulse Grower website (<https://www.sdpulsegrowers.com/pulse-quality-survey/>) If you are interested, please ask Ruth for the instruction form or get the sample to her and she will submit it. Samples can also be dropped off at the SDSU Extension Office in Pierre (412 West Missouri Ave.) Please put Ruth Beck's name on them. The extension office will call Ruth and she will pick up there and get them to Brookings.

Benson Kleinschmidt made a motion to pass old business. Second by Fred Foland. Passed.

New Business:

Activities: Promoting pulse crops and making them easier to grow and market should be goals.

SD DANR: The state is updating the software they use to track and process check offs. Each checkoff will pay a percentage of the cost. The SD PCC will have to pay something to cover this cost but it should not amount to much more than \$1000.00.

USDPLC 2025-26 Agreement: Fred Foland moved that the SD PCC pay the USDPLC \$20,000.00 for the work they do to promote pulses, international marketing, lobbying efforts, and managing the revenue insurance.

Board Terms: Terms are up for both Kip and Tyrel. Kip agreed to serve another term and Tyrel would like to step down, but agreed to stay on until a replacement could be found for him.

Ruth Beck Contract: Ruth's submitted a contract to the board for work done between July 1, 2025- June 30, 2026. The contract is the same as it was in last year. The board approved the contract. Kip will sign it and send it to Bryan Walsh.

FY27 Budget: Benson Kleinschmidt moved to approve the 2026-27 budget. Fred Foland second the budget. Motion passed.

Liaison/Committee Reports:

Research Review Committee: Dwayne Beck attended meeting on June 13.

Variety Testing:

USDP&LC:

International Marketing: Benson Kleinschmidt attended. Impact of tariffs are a concern.

Domestic Marketing: Ruth attended last meeting in March. The big hope is that the new administration will keep the suggested 2.5 cups of pulse/week in the ADG (American dietary guidelines).

Info Government Policy: no attendee at last meeting. Minutes were sent out. Next years policy is set up at September meeting. Hopefully one of us can attend.

Next Meeting Date: The next meeting is scheduled August 28 at 7 pm. This will be another zoom meeting. Please let Ruth know **at least** one day (preferably more) ahead if you cannot attend.

Adjournment – Motion to adjourn by Fred Foland. Second by Tyrel Eisenbraun. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted, Ruth Beck, 605-280-7917