**South Dakota Pulse Crops Council**

 **Meeting Minutes, June 26, 2023**

**Chair Kip Erickson called the meeting to order at 1:45 pm CT.** Members present were Brad Karlen, Benson Kleinschmidt, Kip Erickson. Leigh Leesman attended remotely. Other attendees were Research Committee Representative, Jason Miller, and staff, Ruth Beck. Chris Graham, SDSU Agronomist attended virtually as well. 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 was 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 $590.70. This includes hours worked, as well as expenses related to copying. Benson Kleinschmidt moved to approve and pay the bill as presented. Leigh Leesman seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Discussion regarding the 2023-24 contract from the USDPLC was postponed till later in the meeting.

**Old Business:**

USDPLC- Meeting in Minneapolis in June. Brad Karlen attended this meeting. Topics covered were acreage reports from various states. Many were down this year including SD. Also covered was budget for the USDPLC, staff salaries, voting system and seed release policy for USDPLC. Brad presented the letter from the SD AG regarding liability 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. He expressed the concerns the SD council members had with regard to some of the content of these grants.

**New Business:**

**USDPLC 2023-24 Annual Contract:** The contract is for $30000.00 this year. Checkoff funds received this year were $42,000.00. Members felt it might be prudent to approve a membership fee of $20,000.00 this year. Brad Karlen moved, that since the SD PCC has had reduced cash flow in FY23, that they pay $20000.00 to the USDPLC for services and membership for 2023-24. This motion was seconded by Benson Kleinschmidt. Passed.

**Pulse Quality Survey:** Ruth handed out the paperwork that producers should submit with their lentil, pea and/or chickpea sample. Samples can be sent to SDSU or if you get them to Ruth, she can get them to Brookings.

**Website Update:** Ruth will work on this.

**Other Activities: -**

**Ag Horizons:** SD Wheat will hold Ag Horizons on Dec. 5-6, 2023. Speaker suggestions: Chris Graham, Brian Jelinek, Audra Kahil. Ruth will work on this.

**2023 Variety Trials:** They look quite good this year especially out west. Winter peas look very good as well. SDSU planted 4 varieties of Chickpeas at Kip Ericksons farm at Martin. These also look good.

**FY25 Budget:** Board discussed the upcoming budget that Ruth submits each summer tothe SD DANR for the board. Budget would most likely remain very similar to FY24 with a few changes. Changes include increasing “dues and memberships” to $20,000.00 and other contractual amounts will go to $10,500.00, a drop from $20,000. Brad Karlen moved we approve the FY25 budget with changes to dues and memberships and other contractual as discussed above. Second by Benson Kleinschmidt. Motion passed.

**Liaison/Committee Reports**

**Research Committee:** Jason discussed the 2023 grants with the board. A total of $494000.00 was awarded. Many grant applications were awarded at 75% of request.

**International Marketing:** Due to a change in time, Benson was unable to attend the last meeting. It was good news that India has removed tariffs on US product.

**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:** Sept. 29 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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