

**South Dakota Pulse Crops Council
Meeting Minutes, Sept 3, 2026**

Chair Kip Erickson called the meeting to order at 6:05 pm CT. Attendees were Fred Foland, Kip Erickson, Ruth Beck, Dwayne Beck and Jennifer Scharpe, SDWGA. Also attending remotely were Benson Kleinschmidt, Darin Malsam, Tyrel Eisenbraun, and Chris Graham, and Pete Sexton from SDSU.

Agenda: Fred Foland moved to approve the agenda as presented. Darin Malsam second. Motion passed.

Minutes: Benson Kleinschmidt moved to approve minutes from the last meeting. Second by Fred Foland. Motion passed.

Financial Report: Financial reports (Profit Loss Detail & Balance Sheet) were provided prior to the meeting for review.

Bankwest account: \$4473.54

State account balance totaled (9/02/2026): \$262,184.23

Bills: Ruth Beck presented an invoice for labor of \$948.75 and a second invoice of \$8.15 for expenses (copies & postage).

Fred Foland moved to approve the financial statement and pay the invoices to Ruth Beck. Motion was second by Benson Kleinschmidt. Motion passed.

Old Business:

Producers discussed challenging growing conditions they experienced in 2026. Challenges varied across SD but included heat, drought and storms. Harvest was generally not great anywhere.

Chris Graham provided a summary of the SDSU CPT Plots. He had plots at Sturgis, Martin & Dakota Lakes Research Farm (DLRF). The plots at Sturgis performed the best this year. The 2026 results will be available online at the SDSU Ext website in approximately 1 week. He requested payment for the 2026 plots of \$13,140.00.

Fred Foland made a motion to move \$13,000.00 from the state account to the BankWest account to cover the payment of the CPT Pulse Variety Trials and pay SDSU \$13,140.00 for the 2026 pea & chickpea variety trials. Motion second Darin Malsam. Motion passed.

Pete Sexton provided a written and verbal account of the three variety trials he planted on the SE side of the state this summer. A written report that includes results is included with these minutes or available by emailing director@sdpulsecouncil.org.

The three varieties that performed the best in the SE plots were: AC Beyond, AC Ironhorse, and AC Inca. Of the three plot locations, the peas yielded best at the SDSU South East Research Farm (SERF). They had some weed issues at the plot at the SDSU NE Research Farm (NERF) and planting at the SDSU NERF was delayed due to planting conditions.

There was some discussion regarding varieties and success of winter field peas. Pete Sexton would like to try some winter peas this fall.

The team at SERF is interested in performing the pea variety trials again in 2027.

Website (sdpulsegrowers.com, sdpulsecouncil.org): Looks good.

Samples for SDSU Quality Report: Fred Foland submitted a sample and Darin Malsam plans to.

New Business:

Jennifer Scharpe who manages the SD Oilseed Council and SD Wheat Association joined the meeting. Jennifer introduced herself and shared her background with us. She is willing to take over Ruth's responsibilities with the SD PCC in the future.

Budget FY28: Ruth submitted next years budget to the SD DANR in August. There was an increase in the budget for the FY27-28 fiscal year of about \$8000.00. This is primarily due to the additional cost of running variety trials on the east side of the state.

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. There is a meeting scheduled for Sept 9.

Variety Trials: No report

USDP&LC/USA Pulses Committee: Fred is liaison for this committee. He was able to attend the meeting in Scottsbluff remotely.

International Marketing: Darin Malsam is liaison for this committee. International aid contracts are more available again.

Domestic Marketing- No report

Next meeting of the SD PCC is set for December 1, 2026 at 1:00 PM CT. Currently planning this meeting to be held at the SDSU Pierre Regional Extension Center.

Fred Foland moved to adjourn meeting. Darin Malsam seconded. Motion passed.