

**South Dakota Pulse Crops Council
Meeting Minutes, September 4, 2024**

Chair Kip Erickson called the meeting to order at 7:15 pm CT. Members present were Kip Erickson, Benson Kleinschmidt and Fred Foland. Tim McGreevy, Kim Monk, Tami Stubbs and Todd Scholz from the USDP&LC attended the meeting. Also in attendance was Ruth Beck, staff, Darin Malsam, producer, Dwayne Beck, research review committee member and Dr. Chris Graham from SDSU (Rapid City)

Introductions were made to introduce Fred and also the members of the USDP&LC staff.

Agenda: Fred Foland moved to approve the agenda as presented. Benson Kleinschmidt second. Motion passed.

Minutes: Ruth read the minutes of the last meeting. 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: \$4223.00

State account plus BankWest account balance totalled (9/3/2024): \$233,009.28

Bills: Ruth Beck presented an invoice for \$1027.35 (February through June 10) and \$15.55 for expenses. Benson Kleinschmidt moved to approve the financial report and pay the bills as presented. Fred Foland second the motion. Motion passed.

Old Business:

New Board member: Fred Foland was added to the board on August 16 for a three year term. We still have one vacancy on the board.

Crop Condition: Reports from producers indicated that yields were relatively good across the board except possibly in the Sturgis area where SDSU has variety trials.

Crop Quality Survey: Cliff Hall from SDSU is interested in receiving samples of peas and chickpeas grown in SD. 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 my name on them. They will call me and I will pick up there. (We have a daughter in Brookings and we go there often)

SDSU Variety Trial Update: Chris Graham updated us on the 2024 pea and chickpea variety trials. Many sites turned out well. Average yield at DLRF was 42 bu and at Sturgis it was 30 bu. Average protein was 24 across all sites. Sturgis did not yield as well this year due to lack of rain in June.

Chris recently received a grant through the SD Specialty Crop Block Grant Program to cover the cost of chickpea variety trials for the next three years. He will expand that research to include three sites, Sturgis and Martin are two of the sites. He is looking for a third site.

Website: Ruth has been working on updating the website. Please check it out at sdpulsegrowers.com and sdpulsecouncil.org. Both addresses will steer people to the website. It will include production information but also council information. Anything that should be added or changed should be emailed to Ruth and she will ask the webmaster to make the change. We can continue to make updates.

New Business:

Budget FY2026: Submitted to SD DANR in August

Ag Horizons 2024: Will take place Dec. 3, 4. The board would like to ask Brian Jelinek if he would present at Ag Horizon 2024.

Benson Kleinschmidt moved that we ask Brian Jelinek to speak at Ag Horizons this year and that, if he is willing to come and speak, we pay for his hotel, travel and other expenses related to the trip to SD. Fred Foland second this motion. Motion passed.

Activities: Benson Kleinschmidt is hosting a tour at his farm on September 10 at 9 AM CT. He will discuss his rotation and his use of peas in the rotation. Anyone is welcome to attend.

Liaison/Committee Reports:

Research Review Committee: Dwayne Beck attended this meeting on Sept 3.

Variety Testing: Meeting coming up soon

USDP&LC: Washington Trip was discussed. Dates will be Feb. 3-7, 2025.

International Marketing: Meeting is Sept 11

Domestic Marketing: Meeting Sept 10.

Info Government Policy: The board received the draft copy of the policy proposals today. They will look them over and we will discuss further at the December meeting.

Next Meeting Date: The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday December 4, at 1:30 PM CT. Meeting will be held in person at the SDSU Extension Office at 412 West Missouri Ave. Please let Ruth know **at least** one day (preferably more) ahead if you cannot attend.

Adjournment – Motion to adjourn by Benson Kleinschmidt. Second by Kip Erickson. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted, Ruth Beck, 605-280-7917