

SOUTH DAKOTA WHEAT COMMISSION MEETING
116 No. Euclid, Pierre, SD 57501
March 29, 2023
Minutes

Present:

Commissioners:	Bryan Jorgensen, SDWC Terry Hand, SDWC Leon Koeppe, SDWC Tregg Cronin, SDWC
Staff:	Reid Christopherson, SDWC Carolyn Theobald, SDWC
Guests:	Caren Assman, SDWGA Executive Director Dr. David Wright, SDSU AHPS Department Head Dr. Karl Glover, SDSU Spring Wheat Breeder Dr. Sunish Sehgal, SDSU Winter Wheat Breeder Dr. Jon Kleinjan, SDSU Crop Production Extension Assoc. Brian Walsh, SD-DANR Public Affairs Director

Call to Order:

Chairman Jorgensen called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

Note: Commissioner Julian Roseth's position is now vacant.

Approval of Agenda:

Commissioner Cronin moved to approve the agenda, seconded by Commissioner Hand. Motion approved.

Approval of Minutes:

Commissioner Koeppe moved to approve the January 11-12, 2023 Minutes, seconded by Commissioner Hand. Motion approved.

I. Public Comment Period

No comments.

II. Financial Reports

A. Review January 2023 and February 2023 Financials

Theobald presented January 2023 and February 2023 financials. Discussion took place.

Commissioner Cronin moved to approve the January 2023 and February 2023 financials, seconded by Commissioner Koeppe. Motion approved.

B. Fiscal Year 2023 Budget Updates

Christopherson reported on the following items with discussion taking place:

- SDSU Weather Stations
- Mead Cultural Education Center in Yankton, SD
- SDSU Pathology Microscope

Commissioner Cronin moved to support SDSU's purchase of three weather data sensors

along with six sim cards for six sensors in the amount of \$13,200.00, seconded by Commissioner Hand. Motion approved.

Commissioner Koepple moved to support SDSU's purchase of a Pathology Microscope not to exceed \$20,000.00, seconded by Commissioner Cronin. Motion approved.

III. Production Forecast

A. 2023 HRW Planting Projections/Abandonment

Discussion took place.

B. 2023 HRS Planting Projections

Discussion took place.

IV. SDSU Research Reports

A. Dr. Karl Glover – Hard Red Spring Wheat

Discussion took place.

B. Dr. Sunish Sehgal – Hard Red Winter Wheat

Discussion took place.

C. Dr. Jon Kleinjan – Crop Performance Testing

Discussion took place.

V. SDSU Research Proposals

Discussion took place.

Commissioner Cronin moved to pledge support to SDSU in the amount of \$637,225.00, for FY2024 sponsored research funding as directed, seconded by Commissioner Koepple. Motion approved.

VI. Organization Reports

A. South Dakota Wheat Growers Association

Assman reported on the following activities at SDWGA with discussion taking place:

- Prairie Grains Magazine
- Legislative Update
- Farm Bill Update
- District Meetings
- Ag Horizons Conference
- Wheat Stem Sawfly Funding Initiative

B. South Dakota Department of Agriculture and Natural Resources

Walsh reported on the following activities at SDDANR with discussion taking place:

- Legislative Activity
- Governor's Ag Summit, July 18-19, 2023

C. South Dakota State University

Dr. Wright reported on the following activities at SDSU with discussion taking place:

- Extension Agronomy Vacancy
- Food Scientist Vacancy
- Precision Ag Conference
- Dr. Sunish Sehgal – F.O. Butler Award for Excellence in Research
- Dr. Sunish Sehgal – WQC Millers' Choice Award
- Dr. Shyam Solanki – Pathology Assistant Professor

- Dr. Eric Jones - Extension Weed Specialist
- Building Renovation Updates

VII. Staff Reports

A. South Dakota Wheat Commission - Reid Christopherson, Executive Director

Christopherson reported on the following activities at SDWC with discussion taking place:

- Commissioner Appointment Update
- Travel Reports
- WQC – Brian Walker Travel Reimbursement

VIII. SDWC By-Laws Amendments

A. Change to Article VI. Officers, Section 6.2 Appointment of Executive Director:

The Executive Director of the Wheat Commission ~~shall~~ may be appointed by the Commission and shall serve at the pleasure of the Commission.

Note: Automatic amendment to match state statute with no additional action required.

B. Article VI. Officers, Section 6.3 Election and Term of Office:

Officers shall be elected by the members of the Commission. ~~in order from a permanent rotation list of regular members.~~ All elected officers shall hold offices for term of one year concurrent with the fiscal year of the Commission or until successors are elected. Officers are eligible to serve successive terms of office.

Commissioner Hand moved to approve change in Article VI. Officers Section 6.3 Election and Term of Office as presented, seconded by Commissioner Koeppe. Motion approved.

IX. Market Development

A. U.S. Wheat Associates

Commissioner Hand and Christopherson reported on the following activities at USW with discussion taking place:

- USW Winter Meeting
- FBI Briefing

B. NCI

Christopherson reported on activities at NCI with discussion taking place.

C. U.S. Wheat and Barley Scab Initiative

Chairman Jorgensen reported on activities at USW&BSI with discussion taking place.

D. Wheat Foods Council

Christopherson reported on activities at Wheat Foods Council with discussion taking place.

E. Wheat Quality Council

Christopherson reported on the following activities at Wheat Quality Council with discussion taking place.

- February 22-24, 2023, Kansas City, MO Meeting
- HRW Tour, May 15-18, 2023, Manhattan, KS

F. McFadden Symposium

Dr. Sehgal reported on activities with the McFadden Symposium with discussion taking place.

X. FY2024 Budget Development

Discussion took place.

Note: Commissioner Cronin called for Executive Session pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2 for the purpose of Personnel Issues and Contract Negotiations at 1:55 p.m., seconded by Commissioner

Hand.

Note: Commissioner Koepp moved to end Executive Session at 2:47 p.m., seconded by Commissioner Hand.

XI. Administrative Matters

A. Upcoming Events

Discussion took place.

B. Out of State Travel Approval

Previously approved out of state travel were reviewed with discussion taking place.

Commissioner Koepp moved to retroactively approve and reimburse Reid Christopherson’s travel for the USW UES Meeting in Lisbon, Portugal, February 23 thru March 4, 2023, in the amount of \$8,012.24 and to amend budget for said expense, seconded by Commissioner Hand. Motion approved.

Upcoming out of state travel with discussion taking place:

- WQC HRS Tour, May 15-18, 2023, Manhattan, KS - Christopherson
- WFC Summer Meeting, June 12-16, 2023, Denver, CO – Christopherson, McCracken Consulting
- USW Summer Meeting, July 10-14, 2023, Minneapolis, MN –Commissioner Hand, Commissioner Koepp, Commissioner Cronin, Christopherson
- Travel to Accept Mixographs: TBD – Christopherson, SDSU Personnel

Commissioner Cronin moved to approve travel as presented, seconded by Commissioner Hand. Motion approved.

C. Commission Meeting Dates

June 2023

Commissioner Cronin moved to adjourn the meeting at 3:04 p.m., seconded by Commissioner Koepp. Meeting adjourned.

Terry Hand, Secretary

Date

Reid A. Christopherson, Executive Director Date

For the purpose of continuity, the minutes may not be in chronological order.