**SOUTH DAKOTA WHEAT COMMISSION MEETING**

**September 7, 2023**

**2301 Research Park Way, Brookings SD**

**Minutes**

**Present:** Commissioners: Bryan Jorgensen, SDWC

Terry Hand, SDWC

Tregg Cronin, SDWC

Leon Koeppe, SDWC

Staff: Reid Christopherson, SDWC

 Caren Assman, SDWGA

Guests: Dr Joseph Cassady, SDSU

 Dr Russ Daly, SDSU

 Dr David Wright, SDSU

 Cheyenne Tant, SD DANR

1. **Call to Order:**

 **Chairman Jorgensen called the meeting to order at 12:07 p.m.**

1. **Approval of Agenda**

**Commissioner Cronin moved to approve the agenda, seconded by Commissioner Koeppe. Motion Approved.**

1. **Approval of Minutes**

**Commissioner Cronin moved to approve the June 22, 2023 Minutes, seconded by Commissioner Hand. Motion Approved.**

1. **Public Comment Period**

No comments.

1. **Financial Reports**

**Commissioner Hand moved to approve the Prepared Financials as of June 30, 2023 by Michael Schelling of Dakota CPA, seconded by Commissioner Cronin. Motion Approved.**

1. **Production Forecasts**

The Commissioners provided updates on HRW and HRS production throughout the State of South Dakota with discussion taking place.

1. **Organization Reports**
	1. **South Dakota Wheat Growers Association**

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

* + - Farm Bill update
		- Ag Horizons Conference
	1. **South Dakota State University**

Dr Cassady, Dr Daly, and Dr Wright provided updates on events and activities at South Dakota State University with discussion taking place. The Commissioners had the opportunity in the morning to tour the newly remodeled laboratories on the Second Floor of Berg Agriculture Hall at SDSU.

* 1. **South Dakota Department of Agriculture and Natural Resources**

Cheyenne Tant introduced herself as the new Policy Advisor for SD DANR. She will also serve as the liaison between DANR and the various boards and commissions. She provided an update on activities within DANR with discussion taking place.

1. **Staff Reports**

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

* + - Commissioner appointment update
		- Travel reports
		- Storage Unit rental in Brookings
		- Office moving plans from Pierre to Brookings
		- Mixograph donation from Ardent Mills to SDSU
		- State Fair Participation
		- SD Soybean Ag Outlook and Leadership Reception
		- Future Hires of Operations Director and Part-Time Secretary
		- SDSU Pathology Nursery
		- Research Farm Graduate Student Scholarship proposal
		- South Dakota Soil Health Support and Conference Sponsorship

**Commissioner Cronin moved: The South Dakota Wheat Commission will continue to build upon its focus supporting the value of wheat and other small grains in active soil health initiatives:**

* **Continue relationship with the South Dakota Soil Health Coalition**
* **Provide a $5,000 sponsorship for the South Dakota Soil Health Conference, Rapid City SD, January 2024**
* **Build upon the collaborative opportunities of the new Brookings office space in conversations with South Dakota Soil Health Coalition, South Dakota State University, South Dakota Crop Improvement Association, and other commodity, industry, community, and government organizations**

**Seconded by Commissioner Koeppe. Motion Approved.**

1. **Market Development**
	1. **U.S. Wheat Associates**

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

* + - Summer Meeting in Minneapolis
		- Upcoming Fall Meeting in Cincinnati OH
	1. **Northern Crops institute**

Christopherson reported on the activities at NCI with discussion taking place:

* + - Next Five Years Conference
	1. **U.S. Wheat and Barley Scab Initiative**

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

* 1. **Wheat Foods Council**

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

* 1. **Wheat Quality Council**

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

1. **Administrative Matters**
	1. **Upcoming Events**

Discussion took place.

* 1. **Out of State Travel Approval**

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

* 1. **Upcoming out of state travel with discussion taking place:**
		+ IGP Flour Milling for Commissioners; Dec 10-13, 2023; Manhattan KS; Attend: Christopherson, Glover, Sehgal, Kleinjan. *Note: IGP is honoring the registration fees that had been paid in 2022 when attendance was prevented by a blizzard.*
		+ USW Winter Meeting; Jan 22-26, 2024; Washington DC; Attend: Commissioners, Christopherson, Ops Director.
		+ Wheat Foods Council; Feb 6-9, 2024; San Antonio TX; Attend: Christopherson, Ops Director.
		+ Yuma HRS Support; April 2024; Yuma AZ: Attend, Christopherson, Ops Director, Glover.

**Commissioner Cronin moved to approve travel as presented. Seconded by Commissioner Hand. Motion approved.**

1. **Commissioner Koeppe called for Executive Session pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2 for the purpose of Personnel Issues and Contract Negotiations at 2:17p.m., seconded by Commissioner Hand. Motion approved.**

Dr Cassady, Dr Daly, Dr Wright, Caren Assman, and Cheyenne Tant departed the meeting.

**Chairman Jorgensen declared the meeting out of Executive Session at 3:04 p.m.**

1. **SDSU Pathology Nurseries**

**Commissioner Cronin moved to: Provide $27,500 to South Dakota State University for the purchase of equipment to support the development of pathology nurseries. Seconded by Commissioner Koeppe. Motion approved.**

1. **Commission Meeting Date**

The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for December 4, 2023 in Pierre SD in conjunction with the Ag Horizons Conference.

1. **Adjournment**

**Commissioner Cronin moved to adjourn at 3:20 p.m., seconded by Commissioner Hand. Meeting adjourned.**

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Leon Koeppe, Secretary Date Reid A. Christopherson, Executive Director Date

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