

SOUTH DAKOTA WHEAT COMMISSION MEETING
Monday June 30, 2025 - 10:00 AM
Executive Conference Room – SDSU Research Park
2301 Research Park Way Brookings, SD 57006

Minutes

Present:

SDWC: Tregg Cronin, Jamie Johnson, Bryan Jorgensen, Leon Koeppe, Jon Kleinjan, Levi Neuharth (virtual)

SDSU: John Blanton, Joseph Cassady, Brent Turnipseed

Others: Caren Assman – SDWGA (virtual), Kyle Gustafson – SDCIA (virtual), Stacie McCracken – McCracken Consulting, (Michael Schelling – Dakota CPA (virtual), Doug Simons – SDWGA, Brian Sorenson – MN Wheat

Call to order:

Chairman Jorgensen called the meeting to order at 10:00 am and announced the presence of a quorum.

Approval of Agenda:

Cronin moved to approve the agenda and Johnson seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Approval of the Minutes:

Jorgensen approved the minutes from the March 19, 2025 meeting.

Public Comment:

No comments.

Organization Reports:

1. South Dakota Wheat Growers Association

Assman reported on the following activities:

- Media Exposure – Prairie Grains/Wheat Advantage/Radio
- Representation – Property Tax meeting
- Educational – Rotate into profits, Ag Horizons (Dec. 2-3)
- Search for Assman replacement ongoing

2. South Dakota State University

Cassady commented on the following:

- New hires
- Federal policies
- Enrollment trends

3. South Dakota Crop Improvement

Gustafson discussed the following:

- Neal Foster retirement/staff restructuring
- Inspection acres

- Seed purity standards, Lot size changes

Staff Reports:

Kleinjan reported on the following activities with discussion taking place:

- Operations review
- Jorgensen term expiring October 30, 2025
- Social media (McCracken joined for a presentation)
- Prairie Grains magazine (Sorenson joined for a presentation)

Market Development:

Kleinjan reported on the following market development activities with discussion taking place:

- NCI quarterly meeting – Fargo, ND, 3/24/25, Koeppe, Kleinjan
- Wheat Foods Council summer meeting – Minneapolis, MN, 6/17/25 – 6/19/25, Kleinjan

Financial Reports:

Schelling presented the financial statements through 05/31/2025. Some discussion followed.

Neuharth moved to accept the financial reports and Koeppe seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Schelling announced that he was leaving Dakota CPA and forming Solution CPA. **Cronin moved and Johnson seconded a motion to move the SWDC accounts to Solution CPA. Motion passed.**

Johnson moved and Koeppe moved to accept the audit letter of engagement from Eide Bailly. Motion passed.

Production Forecast:

Current HRW conditions were reported as fair to good. After discussion, the commission forecasted HRW harvested acres at 660,000 acres (83% of planted) with a projected yield of 45 bu/acre. The HRS crop looks promising, and the commission forecasts 630,000 acres of HRS to be harvested at yield of 50 bu/acre.

SDWC FY26 Budget

Commissioners reviewed the initial draft FY26 SDWC Budget with the help of Schelling.

Discussion followed. **Cronin moved and Johnson seconded a motion to provide up to \$12,500 for an HB4 gene introgression project. Motion passed.** Kleinjan agreed to contact Gustafson to see if the SDCIA would pay for half the cost. **Cronin moved and Koeppe seconded a motion to approve the FY26 budget as presented. Motion passed.**

Lunch (30 minute break)

Board Assignments:

Koepppe moved and Johnson seconded a motion to cast a unanimous ballot and cease nominations for the following slate of officers (motion passed):

- Chair – Jorgensen
- Vice-Chair – Cronin
- Secretary – Koepppe
- Treasurer – Johnson
- At-large – Neuharth

Liason assignments are as follows:

- US Wheat – Jorgensen, Cronin
- NCI- Koepppe
- USWBSI – Jorgensen
- WFC – Johnson
- HBA/WQC/SDVAADC - Kleinjan

Administrative Matters:

The following matters were presented with discussion taking place:

- Refund policy review – **Johnson moved and Koepppe seconded a motion to amend the refund policy to allow for application requests to be completed by email. Motion passed.**
- Communications review – Kleinjan agreed to discuss social media options with McCracken.
- Upcoming out-of-state travel was reviewed:

Out-of State-Event	Date(s)	Location	Attending	Approved
US Wheat summer meeting	15 Jul 25 - 17 Jul 25	Boise, ID	Kleinjan, Cronin, Koepppe	3/19/25
Birdsall Grain field day	21 Jul 25	Berthold, ND	Kleinjan, Glover	x
NCI/NCC meeting	28 Jul 25	Fargo, ND	Kleinjan	6/20/24
USDA crop report lockup	11 Aug 25	Washington, DC	Kleinjan	3/19/25*
Home Baking Assc. annual meeting	27 Oct 25 - 29 Oct 25	Ft. Collins, CO	???	x
US Wheat fall board meeting	4 Nov 25 - 6 Nov 25	Austin, TX	Kleinjan, ???	x
North Asia Crop Quality Seminar	8 Nov 25 - 18 Nov 25	North Asia	Kleinjan	x
USWBSI National FHB Forum	7 Dec 25 - 9 Dec 25	Denver, CO	Jorgensen, Kleinjan	x

Cronin made and Johnson seconded a motion to approve the out-of-state travel as presented (previously non-approved travel marked with an 'x'). Motion passed.

Commission Meeting Date

The next meeting is scheduled for September 12, 2025 to be held virtually.

Executive Session

There was no call for Executive Session.

Adjournment

Cronin moved to adjourn at 1:40 pm, seconded by Johnson. Meeting adjourned.

Leon Koeppe, Secretary

Date

Jonathan Kleinjan, Executive Director

Date

NOT APPROVED

FY26 Budget Estimates

Estimated 2026 SD Wheat Production and FY26 Receipts

Winter Wheat

NASS Est.	Planted Acres	800,000							
	Harvested Acres	660,000	acres	X	45	bu/ac	=	29,700,000	
		83%							

Spring Wheat

Estimate	Planted Acres	660,000							
	Harvested Acres	630,000	acres	X	50	bu/ac	=	31,500,000	
		95%							

Storage

-	bushels stored	X	50%	=	-
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Total Bushels	61,200,000
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Avg \$/Bushel	\$	5.00	@ .4%	\$ 0.020	\$	1,224,000
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Receipts	\$ 1,224,000
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HRW statewide 10 year average	50
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HRS statewide 10 year average	42.5
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SDWC Budget Worksheet

	FY25 BOD Budget	FY26 BOD Budget	FY25 Actuals 7/1/24 to 6/26/25
	Beg Cash Balance	Beg Cash Balance	Beg Cash Balance
	\$ 1,480,630	\$ 1,575,390	\$ 1,480,630
RECEIPTS			
INCOME			
Checkoff Receipts	\$ 1,485,400	\$ 1,224,000	\$ 1,674,007
USDA Receipts	5,000	20,000	\$ 20,355
Interest	52,500	50,000	\$ 69,377
Refunds	(178,248)	(146,880)	\$ (145,059)
Other Miscellaneous			\$ 19,000
Total Receipts	\$ 1,364,652	\$ 1,147,120	\$ 1,637,679
EXPENDITURES			
RESEARCH			
SDSU-Sponsored Research	\$ 678,944	\$ 652,275	\$ 678,944
SDSU-Special Research (HB4)		\$ 6,250	
MTC Culinary Academy	10,000	-	\$ -
SDSU Foundation	-	-	\$ 85,000
SD Variety Survey	-	-	\$ 145
HRSW Quality Survey NDSU	11,695	12,930	\$ 12,338
HRWW Quality Survey PGI	6,637	9,750	\$ 6,637
Wheat Quality Council	4,000	4,000	\$ 4,000
Special Research/NCI flour samples	30,000	55,502	\$ -
Cont. Fund/Prod.Projects	5,000	5,000	\$ -
Dakota Lakes Research Farm	-	-	\$ -
SD Value Added Ag Center	5,000	5,000	\$ 5,000
Total Research	\$ 751,276	\$ 750,707	\$ 792,064
MARKET DEVELOPMENT			
US Wheat	\$ 277,200	\$ 291,300	\$ 277,200
NCI	30,000	30,000	\$ 30,000
NCI Equipment/Special Projects	-	-	\$ -
Trade Teams	-	-	\$ -
Railroad Project	-	-	\$ -
State Fair 4-H Building	-	-	\$ -
Wheat Marketing Center	-	-	\$ -
Market Development	-	-	\$ -
Total Market Development	\$ 307,200	\$ 321,300	\$ 307,200

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	FY25 BOD Budget	FY26 BOD Budget	FY25 Actuals 7/1/24 to 6/26/25
INFO., EDUCATION & PROMOTION			
Wheat Foods Council	\$ 26,893	\$ 27,799	\$ 26,893
Web Site Dev & Maint.	350	2,000	\$ 3,500
Consulting	-	-	\$ -
McCracken Consulting	11,400	15,000	\$ 11,400
Printing	2,500	2,500	\$ -
Annual Report	7,000	7,000	\$ 6,467
Postage	1,200	1,200	\$ 110
Media	1,000	1,000	\$ -
Dakota Farm Talk	6,600	7,100	\$ 6,050
Promotional Items/Activities	18,000	18,000	\$ 8,520
SD Soil Health	5,000	5,000	\$ 5,000
State Fair	2,340	2,650	\$ 2,650
SD Ag Leadership	2,500	2,500	\$ 2,500
FFA/4H	1,125	1,125	\$ 1,125
McFadden Symposium	10,000	-	\$ -
Scholarships	15,975	15,975	\$ 15,125
Professional Development	-	-	\$ -
Ag Experience/Educational Centers	-	-	\$ -
EatWheat	10,000	10,000	\$ 10,000
Home Baking Assoc	2,600	2,600	\$ 2,600
Total Info, Education & Promotion	\$ 124,483	\$ 121,449	\$ 101,940
POLICY AND GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS			
Transportation/Whiteside	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
NAWG	-	-	\$ -
Ed Grant - SDWGA/NAWG	98,000	98,000	\$ 93,571
Rotate into Profits	10,000	-	\$ 10,000
Regional Wheat Meetings	-	-	\$ -
Contract Labor	-	-	\$ -
Total Policy and Government Affairs	\$ 108,000	\$ 98,000	\$ 103,571
GENERAL OPERATIONS			
Computer-Hardware	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Computer-Software	500	500	\$ 699
Office Rent - Pierre	-	-	\$ -
Office Rent - Brookings 1	12,594	10,734	\$ 10,734
Office Rent - Brookings 2	3,516	3,516	\$ 3,516
Storage Rent	840	840	\$ 770
Utilities - Brookings	-	1,500	\$ 1,262
Utilities - Pierre (Growers)	300	-	\$ 266
Telephone - Pierre (Midco to May 2026)	-	1,600	\$ 1,751
Telephone - office (Swiftel)	612	612	\$ 594
Telephone - mobile (Verizon)	1,500	1,200	\$ 1,416
Supplies	2,500	2,500	\$ 1,298

SDWC Budget Worksheet

	FY25 BOD Budget	FY26 BOD Budget	FY25 Actuals 7/1/24 to 6/26/25
Equipment	2,000	2,000	\$ 1,676
Membership Dues	-	-	\$ -
Accounting	16,000	13,000	\$ 13,308
Bill.com Fees	-	2,678	\$ -
Legal Expenses	-	-	\$ -
Audit Expenses	13,000	13,650	\$ 12,863
Surety Bond	225	225	\$ 225
PUC Elevator Inspection	3,100	3,000	\$ 3,100
State Expenses	10,000	7,500	\$ 5,602
Bank Charges	-	-	\$ 57
Total General Operations	\$ 66,687	\$ 65,055	\$ 59,136

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	FY25 BOD Budget	FY26 BOD Budget	FY25 Actuals 7/1/24 to 6/26/25
TRAVEL			
Air Travel	\$ 15,000	\$ 10,000	\$ 7,594
Mileage	6,000	4,000	3,369
Meals	10,000	6,000	5,427
Lodging	15,000	16,000	14,753
Registrations	4,000	1,500	1,020
State Vehicle Lease	7,500	5,000	4,529
Ride share / ground transportation	-	500	-
Incidentals	2,300	2,000	2,897
Total Travel	\$ 59,800	\$ 45,000	\$ 39,590
PERSONNEL SERVICES			
Exec. Dir.	\$ 104,000	\$ 105,300	\$ 104,000
Incoming Exec. Dir.	-	-	-
Exec. Dir. Retirement Payout	-	-	-
Accountant/Office Mngr.	-	-	-
Commissioner Per Diem	9,000	9,000	7,631
Retirement Event	-	-	236
Longevity	400	650	625
Total Personnel Services	\$ 113,400	\$ 114,950	\$ 112,492
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS			
Payroll taxes	\$ 8,675	\$ 8,794	\$ 8,269
Retirement	6,264	6,357	6,278
Insurance/Health	8,040	12,816	12,380
Total Employee Benefits	\$ 22,979	\$ 27,967	\$ 26,926
SUMMARY			
Total Expenditures	\$ 1,553,825	\$ 1,544,428	\$ 1,542,919
Excess/Deficit	\$ (189,173)	\$ (397,308)	\$ 94,760
Ending Cash Balance	\$ 1,291,457	\$ 1,178,082	\$ 1,575,390

**SOUTH DAKOTA WHEAT COMMISSION
SDSU SPONSORED RESEARCH FUNDING REQUESTS**

<u>Project Leader</u>		<u>Current Title</u>	<u>Requested 2026 Funding</u>	<u>Approved 2026 Funding</u>
			\$ 1,095,802	\$ 652,275
<u>Wheat Variety Development and Genetics</u>				
Page 45	Mural	Improving Wheat with Utilization of Off-Patent Germplasm	\$ 36,100	later
Page 56	Sehgal	WW Breeding and Variety Development	\$ 176,427	\$175,000
Page 61	Sehgal	Accelerated Breeding for Enhanced Resilience in WW	\$ 45,922	\$45,922
Page 77	Sidhu	Root Traits for Improving Drought Stress	\$ 36,072	\$36,072
Page 101	Glover	SW Breeding for Disease Resistance	\$ 40,000	\$ 35,000
Page 105	Glover	SW Breeding & Cultivator Devel.	\$ 190,000	\$ 190,000
<u>Disease, Weed and Pest Control</u>				
Page 4	Ameen	Enhancing Resilience of Wheat Against Diseases	\$ 69,666	\$ 50,000
Page 21	Chang	AI-Driven Imagin System for Detecting FHB	\$ 36,276	
Page 51	Nafchi	Head by Head Resistance Rating Using a New Design	\$ 37,400	
Page 71	Shires	Wheat Disease Diagnostics and Nurseries	\$ 56,284	\$ 25,000
Page 82	Solanke	RNAi Bio-Fungicides Development	\$ 29,273	
Page 87	Varenhorst	Soil Applied N for Insect and Weed Management in Wheat	\$ 30,985	
Page 91	Yang	Cold Plasma Seed Treatment for Disease Control	\$ 42,803	
<u>Production Research</u>				
Page 16	Bleakley	Seed Priming of Wheat with Humic Substances or Bacteria	\$ 7,752	
Page 35	Maimaitijiang	Develop Early Forecasting System w/ Imaging and AI	\$ 30,281	\$ 30,281
Page 40	Mandyam	Soil Microbial Composition in Winter Wheat	\$ 27,607	later
Page 66	Sher	Utilization of an Ethanol-Mediated Strategy to Mitigate Drought Stress	\$ 26,665	
Page 97	Glover	Spring and Winter Wheat Variety Trials	\$ 50,000	\$ 40,000
<u>Wheat Quality Evaluation</u>				
Page 26	Chen	Glutoppeak Mothod-Driven SD Wheat Quality Analysis Approach	\$ 31,386	\$ 25,000
Page 31	Janaswamy	Healthy Bread: A New Income Path For Wheat Farmers	\$ 65,342	
<u>Wheat Industry Economics</u>				
<u>Wheat Value-Added Processing</u>				
Page 10	Nanjundaswamy	Value-added Wheat as Specialty Animal Feed and Petfood	\$ 29,561	
TOTALS			\$ 1,095,802	\$652,275