**South Dakota Pulse Crops Council**

 **Council Meeting Minutes, October 1, 2021**

**Roll Call** was taken at 3:05 pm CST – Present members were Chairman David Neuharth, Brad Karlen, Terry Ness, Tyrel Eisenbraun. Dave Neuharth attended on the phone. Staff attending was Ruth Beck.

**Agenda**

Terry Ness moved to approve the agenda as presented. Brad Karlen second. Passed.

**Minutes**

Brad Karlen moved to approve the minutes of the meeting 06-28-21 as written. Tyrel Eisenbraun second. Passed

**Financial Report**

Ruth presented the financial report with the Profit Loss Detail report for the current fiscal year (till September 30) and the last fiscal year.

Terry Ness made a motion to approve the financials along with payment for Ruth for hours worked since the last meeting. Brad Karlen second. Passed

It was discussed that it might be a good idea to send a letter accompanying checkoff refunds, which discussed the activities of the council and the benefits to producers. Ruth will draft a letter to send out with requests for refunds.

**Bills:** Ruth presented her current invoice.

**Old Business:**

**2021 Pea Variety Trials**. Ruth read an update from Chris Graham regarding the 2021 pea variety trials. He provided the results from the Sturgis variety trials. He harvested the Elm Springs location but yields will not be very high. He will get those results calculated very soon.

**New Business:**

**Info Government Policy** –Brad Karlen attended the Information/Government Liason Committee Meeting with the USDPLC meeting on Sept. 8, 2021. He reported on the annual DC trip: They want to have the national DC trip but are not sure yet if it will be held in DC or be a virtual meeting. It will be from Jan 31-Feb 4, 2022.

Brad Karlen expressed concern about supporting some of the bills at the national level because if you vote, you never know how people vote or what the vote tally is. He will bring this up at the national meeting.

**Reciprocal Agreement proposal with Nebraska:** NE-SD draft reciprocosity agreement was shared and discussed. Brad said the draft of the NE-SD reciprocal agreement has been sent to the NE auditor. He said it is being reviewed. Brad moved that Dave be given authorization to sign this agreement if it is approved by NE. Tyrel Eisenbraun second. Passed.

**Commodity Solicitation:** We would like the producers in SD to receive notification of commodity solicitations from the federal government when they are sent out. What is the best way to share producers names/email? Brad will draft a letter to producers discussing the value of receiving the tenders. Ruth will email this out and then producers can tell us if they want to be on the email list or not.

**Logo:** The group would like to have a logo. Brad Karlen presented some logo options for group. Terry will take the logo’s into Travis Stout and see if he has some ideas. Tyrel Eisenbraun moved the group work on logo. BK second. Passed.

**Board Vacancy:** Dave has contacted some producers to seeif they would consider serving on the board. So far no luck. Board will submit names to Dave and/or Ruth. Dave and Ruth will meet with Jason Simmons from SD DANR to provide names suggestions and discuss best path forward.

**Ag Horizons:** Board will put some speaker names together and submit to Ruth so she can get a suggested speaker to Caren by the deadline of Oct 15.

It may be a good year to have a producer educational event sponsored by the SD Pulse Growers. Ruth will look into this.

One suggestion for either Ag Horizons or a grower event is a marketing panel: Participant suggestions would be Guy Christenson, (ADM), Shannon Prehiem (Anchor Ingredients), Redwood Commodities, Puris, Lee Klocke (Sunbird).

**Reports:**

**Communication:** vacant

**Research** – Jason Miller, no report

**International Marketing** – open

**Domestic Marketing** – Ruth Beck-no report

**Adjournment –** Motion to adjourn by Brad Karlen. Seconded by Terry Ness. Passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Ruth Beck

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