SOUTH DAKOTA WHEAT COMMISSION MEETING
April 4, 2017
116 No. Euclid, Pierre, SD
Minutes

Present: Commissioners: Terry Hand, SDWC
Clint Vanneman, SDWC
Tregg Cronin, SDWC
Chet Edinger, SDWC
Leo Warrington, SDWC

Staff: Reid Christopherson, SDWC
Carolyn Theobald, SDWC

Guests: Caren Assman, SDWI
Dani Hanson, SD-DOA

Call to Order:
Chairman Hand called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

Approval of Agenda:
Commissioner Vanneman moved to approve the agenda, seconded by Commissioner Warrington. Motion approved.

Approval of Minutes:
Commissioner Edinger moved to approve the February 28, 2017 Minutes, seconded by Commissioner Cronin. Motion approved.

I. Financial Reports
A. Review February 2017 and March 2017 Financials
Theobald presented February 2017 and March 2017 financials. Discussion took place.
Commissioner Cronin moved to approve the February 2017 and March 2017 financials, seconded by Commissioner Edinger. Motion approved.

B. Fiscal Year 2017 Receipts/Expenditures/Cash Flow
Discussion took place.

C. Fiscal Year 2017 Budget Updates
Discussion took place.

D. Multi-Year Payment Projects
Discussion took place for the following projects:
• National Association of Wheat Growers
• Rail Project
• SDSU Greenhouse

E. Audit Review
Discussion took place.

II. Production Forecast
A. 2017 Production Estimates
Discussion took place.

III. Fiscal Year 2018 Budget Development
Discussion took place.

Note: Dani Hanson, Policy Advisor SD-Department of Agriculture arrived at 11:00 a.m.

IV. Organization Reports
A. SD Department of Agriculture
   Hanson reported on the following activities with the SD-Department of Agriculture with discussion taking place:
   • 2017 Legislative Activity
   • State Animal Disease Research & Diagnostic Laboratory (SDADRDL)
   • Ag Summit
   • South Dakota Agriculture and Rural Leadership (SDARL)

B. South Dakota State University
   Christopherson reported on the following activities with the South Dakota State University:
   • Dr. Kevin Kephart Retirement, April 13, 2017
   • Steve Kalsbeck Retirement, April 21, 2017 (Tentative)
   • SDSU Foundation Banquet, April 27, 2017
   • McFadden Symposium
   • Agronomy Construction Projects

C. South Dakota Wheat Inc. – Caren Assman, Executive Director
   Assman reported on the following activities with South Dakota Wheat Inc. with discussion taking place:
   • SDWI Monthly Newsletters
   • NAWG Meeting in Washington D.C.
   • Wheat Walks
   • Educational Activities including radio interviews, annual Bake & Take contest, Wheat Yield Contest, and 2017 Ag Horizons planning
   • Commodity Classic

Note: Dani Hanson departed at 11:45 a.m.

V. Staff Reports
A. Reid Christopherson – Executive Director, SDWC
   Christopherson reported on activities with South Dakota Wheat Commission. Christopherson also reported on U.S. Wheat Associates trip to Tanzania. Discussion took place.

VI. Market Development
A. Rails to the Future
   Christopherson reported on activities with Rails to the Future. Discussion took place.

B. U.S. Wheat Associates
   Christopherson reported on activities with U.S. Wheat Associates. Discussion took place.

C. National Association of Wheat Growers
   Assman reported on activities with National Association of Wheat Growers. Discussion took place.

D. Wheat Quality Council
   Christopherson reported on activities with Wheat Quality Council. Discussion took place.

E. Northern Crops Institute
Christopherson reported on activities with the Northern Crops Institute. Commissioner Edinger’s position on NCI Board of Directors expires June 2017. Discussion took place. **Commissioner Vanneman moved to submit Commissioner Cronin for consideration on the Northern Crops Institute’s Board of Directors, seconded by Commissioner Edinger. Motion approved.**

VII. **Commodity Classic Report**
Commissioner Cronin reported on activities with the 2017 Commodity Classic. Discussion took place.

VIII. **Administrative Matters**

A. **Upcoming Events**
Discussion took place.

B. **Out of State Travel Approval**
- HWW-CP, May 18, 2017, Manhattan, KS – Christopherson (Approved BOD 02/28/2017)
- Wheat Foods Council & Festival of Breads, June 14-17, 2017, Manhattan, KS - Christopherson
- U.S. Wheat Summer Meeting, July 7-12, 2017, Annapolis, MD – Chairman Hand, Commissioner Vanneman, Commissioner Warrington, Commissioner Edinger, Commissioner Cronin, Christopherson

**Commissioner Warrington moved to approve travel as presented, seconded by Commissioner Vanneman. Motion approved.**

C. **Commission Meeting Dates**
June 29, 2017 at 12:00.
Tentative future joint SDWC/SDWI meeting on August 30, 2017.

**Note:** Commissioner Vanneman moved for Executive Session pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2(1) for the purpose of Employee Performance at 2:22 p.m., seconded by Commissioner Edinger. Motion approved.

**Note:** Executive Session ended at 2:54 p.m.

Commissioner Warrington moved to adjourn the meeting at 3:05 p.m., seconded by Commissioner Vanneman. Meeting adjourned.

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