

**SOUTH DAKOTA WHEAT COMMISSION MEETING**  
**June 29, 2017**  
**116 No. Euclid, Pierre, SD**  
**Minutes**

**Present:**

Commissioners:	Terry Hand, SDWC Clinton Vanneman, SDWC Tregg Cronin, SDWC Chet Edinger, SDWC Leo Warrington, SDWC
Staff:	Reid Christopherson, SDWC Carolyn Theobald, SDWC
Guests:	Caren Assman, SDWI

**Call to Order:**

**Chairman Hand called the meeting to order at 11:08 a.m.**

**Approval of Agenda:**

**Commissioner Warrington moved to approve the agenda, seconded by Commissioner Edinger. Motion approved.**

**Approval of Minutes:**

**Commissioner Vanneman moved to approve the April 4, 2017 Minutes, seconded by Commissioner Edinger. Motion approved.**

**I. Financial Reports**

**A. Review April 2017 and May 2017 Financials**

Theobald presented April 2017 and May 2017 financials. Discussion took place.

**Commissioner Vanneman moved to approve the April 2017 and May 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

**II. Production Forecast**

**A. 2017 Production Estimates**

Discussion took place.

**III. Fiscal Year 2018 Budget Adoption**

Fiscal Year 2018 budget receipts total \$1,186,340.00. Budgeted expenses and refunds total \$1,557,460.00. Discussion took place.

**Commissioner Edinger moved to approve the Fiscal Year 2018 Budget as presented,**

seconded by Commissioner Cronin. Discussion took place. Motion approved.

#### **IV. Organization Reports**

##### **A. SD Department of Agriculture**

Christopherson reported on activities with the SD-DOA with discussion taking place.

##### **B. South Dakota State University**

Christopherson reported on activities with the South Dakota State University with discussion taking place.

- Dr. Daniel Scholl, SDSU Vice President, Research
- Greenhouse funding update

##### **C. South Dakota Wheat Inc. – Caren Assman, Executive Director**

Assman reported on the following items with discussion taking place:

- Drought Survey and Reporting to State Climatologist, FSA and SD Department of Agriculture
- Ag Horizons
- Wheat Plot Tours
- Wheat Yield Contest
- Representation: Farm Bill and Meandering Water

#### **V. Staff Reports**

##### **A. Reid Christopherson – Executive Director, SDWC**

Christopherson reported on the following items with discussion taking place:

- Christopherson Vacation, July 13, 2017 to August 1, 2017
- Commissioner Appointment Update – Commissioner Warrington's term expires October 30, 2017
- SD Wheat Variety Survey
- Wheat Plot Tours
- Decreased Funding for Agricultural Research Service

#### **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.

##### **D. Wheat Quality Council**

Christopherson reported on activities with Wheat Quality Council. Christopherson is Chairman of Board. Discussion took place.

##### **E. Northern Crops Institute**

Commissioner Edinger, Commissioner Cronin and Christopherson reported on the following items with discussion taking place:

- Commissioner Edinger recognized for service at end of term.
- Commissioner Cronin elected to Northern Crops Council Board
- Commissioner Cronin elected to Vice Chairman, Northern Crops Council Board
- Mark Weber, Director NCI, Retirement effective December 31, 2017

#### **VII. Administrative Matters**

**A. Upcoming Events**

Discussion took place.

- U.S. Wheat Summer Meeting, July 7-12, 2017, Annapolis, MD – Chairman Hand, Commissioner Vanneman, Commissioner Warrington, Commissioner Edinger, Commissioner Cronin, Christopherson (Approved BOD 04/04/2017)

**B. Commission Meeting Dates**

August 30, 2017 (Tentative meeting with SDWC/SDWI)

**VIII. Approval of Officers for Fiscal Year 2018**

- A. Chairman – Commissioner Vanneman
- B. Vice Chair – Commissioner Cronin
- C. Secretary – Commissioner Edinger
- D. Treasurer – Commissioner Hand
- E. At-Large – Commissioner Warrington

**Commissioner Edinger moved to approve officers as slated, seconded by Commissioner Warrington. Motion approved.**

**Commissioner Edinger moved to adjourn the meeting at 2:00 p.m., seconded by Commissioner Warrington. Meeting adjourned.**

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Leo Warrington, Commissioner

Date

Reid A. Christopherson, Executive Director

Date

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