

SOUTH DAKOTA WHEAT COMMISSION MEETING
August 29, 2017
Lake Sharpe Room, Ramkota Hotel, 920 W. Sioux Avenue, Pierre, SD
Minutes

Present:

Commissioners:	Clinton Vanneman, SDWC Chet Edinger, SDWC Terry Hand, SDWC Leo Warrington, SDWC
Staff:	Reid Christopherson, SDWC Carolyn Theobald, SDWC
Guests:	Dani Hanson, Policy Advisor, SD-DOA Jodi Bechard, Special Projects Coordinator, SD-DOA Maggie Stensaas, Strategic Communications, SD-DOA

Call to Order:

Chairman Vanneman called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

Approval of Agenda:

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

Approval of Minutes:

Commissioner Edinger moved to approve the June 29, 2017 Minutes, seconded by Commissioner Warrington. Motion approved.

I. Financial Reports

A. Review June 2017 and July 2017 Financials

Theobald presented June 2017 and July 2017 financials. Discussion took place.

Commissioner Hand moved to approve the June 2017 and July 2017 financials, seconded by Commissioner Warrington. Motion approved.

B. Fiscal Year 2018 Receipts/Expenditures/Cash Flow

Discussion took place.

C. Fiscal Year 2018 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. Organization Reports

A. SD Department of Agriculture

Hanson reported on activities with the SD-DOA including the following staff changes.

Discussion took place.

- Jody Bechard, Special Project Coordinator/Communications Assistant
- Maggie Stensaas, Strategic Communications Officer

Note: Dani Hansen, Jodi Bechard and Maggie Stensaas departed at 1:20 p.m.

B. South Dakota State University

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

- Plant Science Research Support Facility Grand Opening, August 31, 2017
- Groundbreaking ADRDL, August 31, 2017
- SDSU Precision Ag Summit, September 11, 2017
- Hard Red Winter Wheat Variety Release

IV. Staff Reports

A. Reid Christopherson – Executive Director, SDWC

Christopherson reported on SDWC activities including the following commissioner appointments. Discussion took place.

- Commissioner Warrington’s appointment expires October 30, 2017.
- Commissioner Cronin’s appointment expires October 30, 2017.

V. Market Development

A. Rails to the Future

No report at this time.

B. U.S. Wheat Associates

Christopherson reported on U.S. Wheat Associates summer meeting and other activities. Discussion took place.

C. National Association of Wheat Growers

Christopherson reported on activities with National Association of Wheat Growers.

D. Wheat Foods Council

Christopherson reported on activities with Wheat Foods Council. Discussion took place.

- Christopherson is Chairman of the Board

E. Northern Crops Institute

Christopherson reported on activities with the Northern Crops Institute, next board meeting is November 13-15, 2017 in Great Falls, MT. Discussion took place.

- Mark Weber Retirement December 31, 2017

VI. Administrative Matters

A. Upcoming Events

Discussion took place.

B. Out of State Travel Approval

- U.S. Wheat Associates Fall Meeting, October 16-21, 2017, North Charleston, SC – Chairman Vanneman, Commissioner Edinger, Christopherson
- Northern Crops Institute Fall Meeting, November 13-15, 2017, Great Falls, MT – Commissioner Cronin, Christopherson
- U.S. Wheat & Barley Scab Initiative, December 3-6, 2017, Milwaukee, WI – Laird Larson
- Wheat Foods Council, January 16-20, 2018, Phoenix, AZ - Christopherson

