

**SOUTH DAKOTA WHEAT COMMISSION MEETING**

**December 4, 2017**

**116 No. Euclid, Pierre, SD**

**Minutes**

**Present:**

**Commissioners:** Clinton Vanneman, SDWC  
Tregg Cronin, SDWC  
Chet Edinger, SDWC  
Terry Hand, SDWC

**Ex-Officio:** Kyle Holt, Deputy Secretary of Agriculture  
Dr. Don Marshall, Interim Dean College of Agriculture and  
Biological Sciences

**Staff:** Reid Christopherson, SDWC  
Carolyn Theobald, SDWC

**Guests:** Mark Weber, Northern Crops Institute  
Chris Kolstad, U.S. Wheat Associates  
Bob Mercer, Associated Press  
Dr. David Wright, South Dakota State University  
Dr. Bill Gibbons, South Dakota State University –  
Agriculture Experiment Station

**Call to Order:**

**Chairman Vanneman called the meeting to order at 1:02 p.m.**

**Approval of Agenda:**

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

**Note: Dr. Gibbons, SDSU, and Dr. Marshall, SDSU, arrived at 1:05 p.m.**

**Approval of Minutes:**

**Commissioner Hand moved to approve the August 29, 2017 Minutes, seconded by Commissioner Edinger. Motion approved.**

**Note: Commissioner Tregg Cronin joined by conference call at 1:10 p.m.**

**I. Financial Reports**

**A. Review August 2017, September 2017 and October 2017 Financials**

Theobald presented August 2017, September 2017 and October 2017 financials. Discussion took place.

**Commissioner Edinger moved to approve the August 2017, September 2017 and October 2017 financials, seconded by Commissioner Hand. Motion approved.**

**B. Fiscal Year 2018 Receipts/Expenditures/Cash Flow**

Discussion took place.

**C. Fiscal Year 2018 Budget Updates/Funding Requests**

Discussion took place.

**D. Multi-Year Payment Projects**

Discussion took place for the following projects:

- National Association of Wheat Growers
- Rail Project
- SDSU Greenhouse

**Note: Kyle Holtz, SD-DOA, arrived at 1:15 p.m.**

## **II. Production Forecast**

### **A. 2017 Production Estimates**

Discussion took place.

### **B. 2018 Winter Wheat Projection**

Discussion took place.

## **III. Open Discussion**

### **A. Northern Crops Institute Report – Mark Weber, NCI Director**

Mark Weber reported on the following activities at NCI with discussion taking place:

- Educational Courses:
  - South Asian Contracting for Wheat Value
  - Grain Procurement Management for Importers
  - Barley and Malt: A Field to Brewhouse Perspective
- Trade Teams Visiting NCI in 2017
- Participation in U.S. Wheat Associates and U.S. Grains Council Meetings
- Wheat Related Projects with Technical Team Providing Technical Support
- Articles in Major Publications Related to Wheat, Barley and Durum
- NCI Staff International Travels
- Wheat Related Equipment Update

### **B. U.S. Wheat Associates – Chris Kolstad, Vice Chairman, U.S. Wheat Associates**

Chris Kolstad reported on activities with USW; and Montana wheat. Discussion took place.

### **C. South Dakota Department of Agriculture**

Deputy Secretary Holt reported on the following activities at the SD-DOA with discussion taking place:

- Dicamba Drift
- SD-DOA Agriculture Development Division Personnel Changes

### **D. SDSU Research Proposals**

Dr. Marshall, Dr. Gibbons and Christopherson reported on the following activities at SDSU with discussion taking place.

- Precision Ag – Request for Resolution
- Search Committee – Dean of Agriculture Bio
- Land purchased for agronomy work by Sturgis, SD
- Land donated for agronomy work by White, SD
- McFadden Symposium, May 1-2, 2018, SDSU
- Call for 2018 Research Proposals
- Spring Wheat Release Meeting, November 13, 2017

**Note: Dr. David Wright departed at 2:10 p.m.**

**Note: Bob Mercer departed at 3:00 p.m.**

**Note: Dr. Gibbons and Dr. Marshall departed at 3:06 p.m.**

**IV. Staff Reports**

**A. South Dakota Wheat Inc. – Caren Assman, Executive Director (Not Present)**

Christopherson reported on the following activities at SDWI with discussion taking place:

- Wheat Yield Contest
- Ag Horizons Overview
- SD Wheat Inc's Newsletter in Prairie Grains Magazine

**B. South Dakota Wheat Commission - Reid Christopherson, Executive Director**

Christopherson reported on the following activities at SDWC with discussion taking place:

- Expiration of Commissioner Leo Warrington's Term was October 31, 2017 – Appointment of New Commissioner Pending
- Reappointment of Commissioner Cronin to SDWC
- USWBSI – Expiration of Laird Larson's Term, Nomination of Bryan Jorgensen, Jorgensen Land and Cattle has been submitted.
- NCI Meeting Location Change from Great Falls, MT to Fargo, ND. Non-Refundable Airline Tickets had been purchased for Commissioner Cronin and Christopherson. Christopherson used ticket to attend MT Wheat Grower Meeting. Cronin has not used his ticket at this time.
- Grain Foods Foundation is showing interest in creating a flour checkoff.

**V. Administrative Matters**

**A. Upcoming Events**

Discussion took place.

**B. Out of State Travel Approval**

- NCI – Mark Weber Retirement, December 2017 (exact date TBD), Fargo ND – Commissioner Cronin, Christopherson
- NCI/ND Mill Tour with SDSU Staff, December 2017 (exact date TBD), Fargo, ND – Chairman Vanneman, Commission Edinger, Commissioner Cronin, Commissioner Hand, Christopherson
- Wheat Foods Council, January 16-20, 2018, Phoenix, AZ – Christopherson (Approved BOD 08/29/2017)
- U.S. Wheat Winter Meeting, February 5-12, 2018, Washington D.C. – Chairman Vanneman, Commissioner Edinger, Christopherson
- Wheat Quality Council, February 19-23, 2018, Kansas City, MO – Christopherson
- Wheat Foods Council Executive Committee, March 18-22, 2018, Napa, CA - Christopherson

**Commissioner Hand moved to approve travel as presented, seconded by Commissioner Edinger. Motion approved.**

**C. Commission Meeting Dates**

Tentatively January 30, 2018

**NOTE: Mark Weber and Chris Kolstad departed at 3:40 p.m.**

**Commissioner Edinger moved to recess the meeting until November 5, 2017 at 4:45 p.m. at the Ramkota Hotel in Pierre, SD, seconded by Commissioner Hand. Meeting recessed at 3:50 p.m.**

**Chairman Vanneman reconvened the meeting on November 5, 2017 at 5:00 p.m. at the Ramkota**

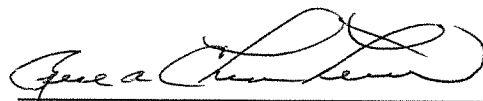
**Hotel in Pierre, SD.**

**Commissioner Edinger moved to adopt a South Dakota Wheat Commission Resolution encouraging support of a Precision Agriculture Facility at SDSU as attached, seconded by Commissioner Hand. Motion approved.**

**Commissioner Hand moved to adjourn the meeting at 5:05 p.m., seconded by Commissioner Vanneman. Meeting adjourned.**

  
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Chet Edinger, Commissioner

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Reid A. Christopherson, Executive Director

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