

**SOUTH DAKOTA WHEAT COMMISSION MEETING**  
**116 No. Euclid, Pierre, SD**  
**Conference Call and Zoom**  
**March 31, 2021**  
**Minutes**

**Present:**

Commissioners: Leon Koeppe, SDWC  
Tregg Cronin, SDWC  
Bryan Jorgensen, SDWC  
Terry Hand, SDWC

Staff: Reid Christopherson, SDWC  
Carolyn Theobald, SDWC

Guests: Caren Assman, SDWI Executive Director  
Dr. Bill Gibbons, SDSU AES Director  
Dr. David Wright, SDSU AHPS Department Head  
Dr. Sunish Sehgal, SDSU Winter Wheat Breeder  
Dr. Karl Glover, SDSU Professor  
Dr. Jon Kleinjan, SDSU Crop Production Extension Assoc.  
Dr. Shaukat Ali, SDSU Plant Pathologist  
Dr. Emmanuel Byamukama, SDSU Plant Pathologist  
Dr. Padu Krishnan, SDSU Food Scientist  
Neal Foster, SDCIA Executive Director  
Bob Mercer, KELOLand  
Brian Walsh, SD-DOA Public Affairs

**Call to Order:**

**Chairman Koeppe called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.**

**Approval of Agenda:**

**Commissioner Jorgensen moved to approve the agenda, seconded by Commissioner Cronin. Motion approved.**

**Approval of Minutes:**

**Commissioner Hand moved to approve the November 11, 2020 Minutes, seconded by Commissioner Cronin. Motion approved.**

- I. South Dakota State University Research Report #1 – Dr. Sehgal**  
Dr. Sehgal reported on winter wheat breeding research. Discussion took place.
- II. South Dakota State University Research Report #2 – Dr. Glover**  
Dr. Glover reported on spring wheat breeding research. Discussion took place.
- III. South Dakota State University Research Report #3 – Dr. Kleinjan**  
Dr. Kleinjan reported on crop production testing. Discussion took place.

- IV. South Dakota State University Research Report #4 – Dr. Ali and Dr. Byamukama**  
Dr. Ali and Dr. Byamukama reported on wheat pathology research. Discussion took place.
- V. South Dakota State University Research Report #5 – Dr. Krishnan**  
Dr. Krishnan reported on wheat quality evaluation research and wheat end-use applications. Discussion took place.
- VI. South Dakota State University Update – Dr. Gibbons and Dr. Wright**  
Dr. Gibbons and Dr. Wright reported on the following activities at SDSU with discussion taking place:
- Legislative Updates Pertaining to SDSU
  - Dakota Lakes Manager Position and West River Extension Positions
  - Plant Variety Protection
  - Precision Agriculture Updates
  - AHPS Curriculum Review
  - Campus Renovations for Agriculture
- VII. Public Comment Period**  
No comments.
- VIII. Financial Reports**
- A. Review February 2021 Financials**  
Theobald presented November 2020 through February 2021 financials. Discussion took place.  
**Commissioner Cronin moved to approve the February 2021 financials, seconded by Commissioner Jorgensen. Motion approved.**
- B. Fiscal Year 2021 Budget Review**  
Discussion took place.  
**Commissioner Jorgenson moved to pay SDSU Foundation a principal payment of \$100,000.00 for combine by July 1, 2021, seconded by Commissioner Hand. Motion approved.**  
**Commissioner Cronin moved to amend the budget to increase the Variety Survey to \$5,000.00, seconded by Commissioner Hand. Motion approved.**
- C. Fiscal Year 2022 Budget Forecast**  
Discussion took place.
- IX. Production Forecast**
- A. 2020 Production Results**  
Discussion took place.
- B. 2021 HRW & HRS Planting Projections**  
Discussion took place.
- X. Organization Reports**
- A. South Dakota Department of Agriculture**  
Walsh reported on the following activities at SD-DOA with discussion taking place:
- DENR and DOA Merger will be effective April 19, 2021, becoming the Department

- of Agriculture and Natural Resources (DANR)
- Legislative Updates Pertaining to DOA

**B. South Dakota Wheat, Inc.**

Assman reported on the following activities with SDWI with discussion taking place:

- Legislative Updates Pertaining to Agriculture
- 2021 Ag Horizons Report
- National Association of Wheat Growers Report
- Ed Grant Activities
- Wheat Works and Rotate into Profits Seminars
- Wheat Yield Contest

**XI. Staff Reports**

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

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

- NCI Meeting, March 23-24, 2021
- Wheat Quality Council
- U.S. Wheat – Bylaws Amendments
- SDSU Search Committee – Assistant Professor Plant Pathology
- SDSU Combine Payments
- SD State Fairgrounds, Exhibit Complex
- Marketing Updates

**XII. Market Development**

**A. U.S. Wheat Associates**

Christopherson reported on activities with USW with discussion taking place.

**B. Wheat Foods Council**

Christopherson reported on activities with Wheat Foods Council with discussion taking place.

**C. Wheat Quality Council**

Christopherson reported on activities with Wheat Quality Council with discussion taking place.

**D. NCI**

Commissioner Cronin and Christopherson reported on activities with NCI with discussion taking place.

**XIII. Administrative Matters**

**A. Upcoming Events**

Discussion took place.

**B. Out of State Travel Approval**

Previously approved out of state travel was reviewed with discussion taking place. Upcoming out of state travel with discussion taking place:

- Wheat Administrator Meeting, 2021 Date and Location TBD – Christopherson
- Wheat Foods Council Meeting, Tentative June 23-25, 2021, Denver, CO – Christopherson
- U.S. Wheat Summer Meeting, June 29 – July 1, 2021, Nashville, TN – Chairman Koeppe, Commission Hand and Christopherson
- Wheat Quality Council HRS Tour, Tentative July 20-22, 2021, ND – Christopherson

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

**C. Commission Meeting Dates**

Thursday, April 22, 2021

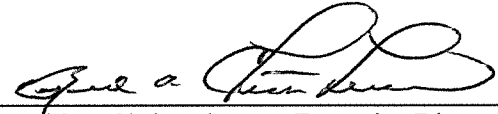
Wednesday, May 12, 2021 (Zoom)

Wednesday, June 9, 2021 (Zoom)

**Commissioner Cronin moved to adjourn the meeting at 2:22 p.m., seconded by Commissioner Hand. Meeting adjourned.**

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Bryan Jorgensen, Secretary

Date



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Reid A. Christopherson, Executive Director

MAY 12, 2021

Date

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