

**SOUTH DAKOTA WHEAT COMMISSION MEETING**  
**Wednesday, April 6, 2011**  
**116 N. Euclid, Pierre, SD**  
**Minutes**

**Present:** Commissioners: Laird Larson, Chairman, SDWC  
Darrell Davis, Commissioner, SDWC  
Clint Vanneman, Commissioner, SDWC  
Chet Edinger, Commissioner, SDWC

Staff: Randy Englund, SDWC  
Mary Ellen Wagner, SDWC  
Carolyn Theobald, SDWC

Guests: Rick Vallery, SDWI  
Dr. Sue Blodgett, SDSU  
Tom Cheesbrough, SDSU

**Call to Order:** Chairman Laird Larson called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m..

**Approval of Agenda:**

Note the following change: Add to VI. Administrative Matters: Strategic Planning  
**Moved by Commissioner Davis, seconded by Commissioner Edinger. Approved.**

**Approval of Minutes:**

**Moved by Commissioner Davis, seconded by Commissioner Edinger. Approved.**

**Financial Report:**

Theobald presented February Financials.

**Moved by Commissioner Vanneman, seconded by Commissioner Edinger. Approved.**

**Signature Authorizations-Bankwest**

Englund requested the following changes to the Bankwest Signature Authorization: Remove Roxanne Harrison, remove William Ferguson, add Clint Vanneman, and add Carolyn Theobald.

**Moved by Commissioner Edinger, seconded by Commissioner Davis. Approved.**

**I. SDSU Research Proposals**

**A. SDSU Research Review**

Dr. Cheesbrough presented status of SDSU research budget: Expecting a 10% cut from State funding and approximately 10% cut from Federal funding. Experiment Station will receive approximately 12% cut from state funding. Some facilities will close due to cuts and adjustments will be made on research. Extension cuts will result in restructuring. Federal matching should be preserved.

Dr. Blodgett reported the resignation of Jeff Stein, SDSU Plant Pathologist. This position will be filled. Entomology position will also be filled with responsibility of 75% research and 25% extension. Final reports of the 2010 research projects will become available on the web page, notification will be sent when ready. Dr. Blodgett requested that some expenditures of FY11 projects be extended to October 1st. Dr. Blodgett will be send a formal letter of request.

**B. Research Topics of Discussion**

Dr. Blodgett presented SDSU Research funding request for FY12. Commissioners will review the projects and requested amount to determine funding for FY12 based on project merit and available funds.

IGROW and wheat manual

Englund is working with Bill Ferguson on completing the reviews of the chapters for IGROW and the Wheat Best Management Procedures (BMP). Contract with Ferguson expires 06/30/11. Consensus of the Board is to continue working with Ferguson.

## **II. Wheat Projects**

### **A. Breeding Programs-Long term funding**

Chairman Larson lead discussion regarding future of SDSU public breeding program. Chairman Larson has requested SDSU wheat breeders to prepare a proposal of what a significant breeding program might cost. Consensus of the Board is to review SDSU's proposal and make a decision to pursue at that time. This item is to remain on future agendas.

Englund is to contact public breeders for inquiries on their projection of a five year period.

### **B. Material Transfer Agreements**

Commissioners discussed the Material Transfer Agreements (MTA's) being reviewed by the 5 HRW wheat state universities. Dr. Kephart, SDSU, has recommended changes, however they have not been accepted by the drafters to date. The current agreement is stricter then prior agreement and limits how universities will work with each other. Information only; no action taken.

### **C. NCI Milling Project**

Alice HW wheat was taken to Fargo two weeks ago for milling, the flour is milled and ready. The flour remaining from the last milled was donated to Food Pantry. Horizon Milling has requested samples of the whole wheat HW flour. Brian Sorenson (NCI) has resigned, Chairman Larson is on the committee to find a replacement with the goal of August 1st, 2011 for final selection.

NCI has submitted to SDWC an invoice for bagging equipment purchase. Englund is to work with John Crabtree to obtain documents to support invoice. Chairman Larson verified that the invoice should be paid. Englund is to follow up on nomination letter for Commissioner Edinger to serve on the NCI Board so he may attend June 28th meeting.

### **D. Intensive Wheat Management Producer Meeting Needham**

Englund presented a proposal to have Phil Needham conduct area producer presentation of Intensive Wheat Management information. Discussion took place regarding timing of presentations to obtain a large audience. Englund will inquire with Farm Credit as possible co-sponsor of these seminars.

## **III. Production - Receipts, Budget**

### **A. FY 11 Receipts and Expenditures**

Review of handout.

### **B. 2012 Production Estimates**

Review of handout.

### **C. Preliminary FY 12 Budget**

Review of handout.

### **D. Programs and Other Funding Requests**

Discussion took place regarding the SD Corn Utilization Washington Pavilion's, Sioux Falls, proposal for a "Farm to Fork" display. SDCUC is requesting a commitment of \$250,000. This could be paid over a 10 year period. Englund will notify SDCUC that the proposal will be considered as the budget is reviewed in the next 2 months.

## **IV. USW**

### **A. USW Board - Darrel Davis**

Commissioner Davis reported few changes from last meeting. Commissioner Davis attended the Commodity Classic in Florida and felt it went well. President Obama announced today an agreement has



been reached on moving forward with the Free Trade Agreement (FTA) between the US and Columbia. Next USW meeting will be July 16-18, 2011 in Tulsa, OK.

**B. Summer Meeting 2013 - Rapid City**

Englund reported tentative dates are June 30th through July 2nd in 2013. A reception is being planned for Saturday evening at the Rushmore Holiday Inn. Discussion took place in regards to spouses activities, the President's receptions, awards and visitations of Mt Rushmore and Crazy Horse. Planning needs to continue to review options and finalize details.

**V. Other**

**A. Staff Reports**

Theobald passed "Thank You" notes from FFA. Wagner will attend the awards presentation at the FFA state convention April 11th, 2011. Also reported on monthly functions and accounting.

Wagner reported on the Commodity Classic (4,826 attendants), Bake & Take, press release for St. Patrick's day bread. Wagner attended the Ag Day at the Washington Pavilion in Sioux Falls and demonstrated wheat grinding which lead to a young boy doing a demonstration on Keloland TV. Also attended Nutrition Seminar that had a nutritionist from Pittsburg Steelers/Pittsburg Basketball speaking. The Family Nutrition program at SDSU went to eight different communities, giving away recipes for chocolate chip muffins along with bags of Alice HW wheat flour, approximate cost \$265. Attended Ag United/Pork Producers AG Day in Sioux Falls, approximately 300-350 children viewed the different stations. The June Food Aid conference will be held in Kansas City just after National Festival of Breads. Wheat Foods Council is in process of obtaining a new public relations firm. Chairman Larson directed Wagner to review verbiage for the length of terms of commissioners on the SDWC website.

Englund reported process taken for employing Senior Accountant for SDWC. Final selection was Carolyn Theobald. Attended the USW Administrator's meeting in Phoenix, AZ, and toured wheat test plots. Englund submitted several research topics that were discussed during meetings. Meetings were open discussion on such topics as wheat comparison for exports, wheat cleanliness while exporting, and state legislature's choosing to "sweep" state wheat commission's funds. Englund will have the USW communications sent directly to commissioner's emails. Englund is also forwarding GRIST reports to commissioners.

**B. Wheat Inc.**

Vallery reported 2011 session is over. Possibility of summer study of agriculture sales tax exemptions. Attended the Commodity Classic and attended Bayer crop meeting with agriculture media. Vallery did an interview for RFD TV. Governor's Ag Conference will be held June 29th in Sioux Falls, SD, with an ag commodity meeting the day before. Ducks Unlimited and NRCS winter wheat planting incentive has become official, deadline is extended for those who have not grown winter wheat to get incentives. Updated commission on Service Transportation Board (STB) and status with SD congressional representatives.

**VI. Administrative Matters**

**Strategic Planning**

Commissioner Edinger would like the commission to begin planning to be proactive about the future of the SDWC. Englund and Vallery are to look at various options and develop a proposal.

**Executive Session Called at 5:32 for Personnel Matters**

**Executive Session Ended at 6:07**

**A. Commissioner Appointments**

Chairman Larson's appointment expires 06/30/11. SDWI will forward suggested nominees to the Governor for approval.

B. Travel Approval

Wagner-Wheat Foods Council April 28th & 29th, School Food Service Minneapolis May 16th & 17th. Chairman Larson-Wheat and Barley Scab meeting in Minneapolis end of April. Also any NCI meetings necessary for hiring of new Executive Director.

**Moved by Commissioner Davis, seconded by Commissioner Edinger. Approved (06/14/11).**

C. Commission Meeting Dates

Next commission meeting, May 11th, to begin at 9:30 a.m..

- 1) June Budget meeting will be June 22nd
- 2) Additional SDSU Research Review - no date set


D. Other

Wagner has updated SDWC website with approved commission minutes.

**Commissioner Edinger moved to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Davis. Approved.**

**Meeting adjourned at 6:25.**

  
Steve Halverson, Commissioner      6/14/11  
Date

  
Randy L. Englund, Executive Director      6/14/11  
Date