

SOUTH DAKOTA WHEAT COMMISSION MEETING

Thursday, February 24, 2011

116 N. Euclid, Pierre, SD

Minutes

Present: Laird Larson, Darrell Davis, Steve Halverson, Clint Vanneman (for half the day). Absent Chet Edinger.

Also present: Randy Englund, Mary Ellen Wagner, Rick Vallery (SDWI), Ben Handcock (WQC), Bob Weyrich (DoA), Dwayne Beck. Present during parts of the meeting: Sharon Papiernick, Liz Larkin, Teddi Mueller, Lisa Richardson, and Katrina Luke.

9:30 a.m. Chairman Larson called the meeting to order.

Commissioner Davis moved to approve the agenda. Commissioner Vanneman seconded. Motion carried.

Commissioner Vanneman moved to approve the minutes for the January meeting agenda with minor changes. Commissioner Halverson seconded. Motion carried.

Randy Englund reviewed the financials for January.

Commissioner Halverson moved to approve the January financials. Commissioner Davis seconded. Motion carried.

Staff reports

Mary Ellen Wagner reported on attendance at the Grain Foods Foundation and Wheat Foods Council meetings. She is working on an exhibit at the Commodity Classic and will do various activities during March – National Ag Month.

Randy Englund reported on attendance at the Wheat Quality Annual meeting.

Darrell Davis reported on his attendance at the US Wheat Associate's UES (Unified Export Strategy) planning meeting. He complimented the USW staff on the meticulousness details that go into submitting the plan. He also participated in the NAWG Foundation meeting held during the joint winter meeting in Washington, DC.

MARKET DEVELOPMENT

US Wheat Associates - Commissioners and staff reported on various committees they attended during the US Wheat Associates winter meeting in Washington, DC. The Commission supported a bylaw amendment to have at least two candidates for election was approved by USW Board while the amendment to allow non-producers to serve on the Board was defeated. Dan Hughes (NE) was elected secretary/treasurer. Englund reported that planning has begun for the summer 2013 USW meeting that will be held in Rapid City.

NCI – Brian Sorenson, executive director of NCI, has resigned effective April 1. Larson indicated that the process for hiring his replacement may take considerable time since it will be advertised through the NDSU personnel system. Sorenson estimates the cost of completing the swing mill bagging, packaging and installation to be \$100,000. He has begun the process of purchasing the equipment and expected deliver by June 30 with installation to be completed shortly thereafter. The Commission funds will be matched by the ND Wheat Commission and the Minnesota Wheat Research and Promotion Council.

Northern Crops Council Advisory Board elections will be held during the June meeting. Edinger nomination will be submitted.

RESEARCH

Englund has requested that SDSU research proposals be submitted in early March so Commissioners have more time to review the projects. Dwayne Beck invited Commissioners to an informational meeting (March 14) where

producers will be talking about various research recommendations that are successful in their operations.

Discussion was held on the Wheat Variety Survey that will be conducted by NASS. The survey is scheduled for May and has traditionally had good response numbers. The Commission will consider doing the survey on a more frequent basis.

Public - Private agreements - Material Transfer Agreements (MTA's) were discussed. Vallery pointed out that these agreements are a University issue and will be resolved by negotiations and agreements among the Universities.

Chairman Larson introduced, Director of the North Central Agricultural Research Laboratory Sharon K. Papiernik. Ms. Papiernik outlined the various research projects conducted at the NCARL located north of Brookings and how they impact wheat production in the region.

POLICY AND GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS

Chairman Larson introduced SD Biotech Association Executive Director Liz Larkin. Ms. Larkin's presentation explained the function and services provided the Association.

Vallery reported on his activities during the current legislative session. Two bills affecting funding for Northern Crops Institute have been introduced. House Bill 1215 would fund NCI from the motor fuel tax for certain nonhighway agricultural use and Senate Bill 124 would provide expenditure authority. He expected that both bills will pass and be signed by Governor Dugaard. He predicts that with the tighten of the budget Cooperative Extension will have to make serious budget cuts which may result in regional offices rather than county offices.

He invited Commissioners to Wheat Inc's "Systems Management for Sustainability" seminar to be held on March 30, 2011, at the Aberdeen Ramkota Inn. Presenters at the meeting include: Sara Wyant, editor of Chicago based Agri-Pulse and expert on sustainability policy, who will share system management viewpoints from across the country and Keith Morehouse, Winfield Solutions, discussing the environmental footprints of different commodities.

He will be attending the National Association of Wheat Growers annual meeting being held in conjunction with the Commodity Classic.

DOMESTIC PROMOTION

Ag Awareness Week Projects - Teddi Mueller, Lisa Richardson and Katrina Luke joined the meeting. The SD Corn Council is organizing another "Thank a Farmer" campaign during National Ag week and asked the Commission to support the campaign.

Commissioner Halverson moved to contribute \$7000 toward the campaign. Davis seconded. Motion carried.

Mueller also outlined a proposal for establishing a "Farm to Fork" exhibit at the Washington Pavilion in Sioux Falls. The Commission will consider the proposal at the annual budget session.

Wheat Foods Council – Wagner reported that the annual dues for the Wheat Foods Council in 2012 will be \$54,347.

Wheat Quality Council Annual Meeting – Meeting was held February 2011- Kansas City. Executive Vice President Ben Handcock reported that reaction to the annual meeting has been favorable. He thanked the Commission for their continued support.

ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

Englund reported the Bureau of Personnel has provided him with a list of applicants for the accounting position. He plans to narrow the applicants to eight and do some preliminary interviews. He will have the top three back for a second interview when Wagner and Vallery are available.

Travel requests included:

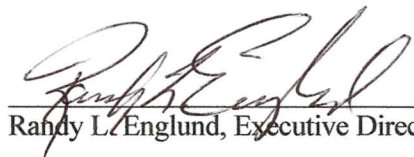
- Northern Crops Institute, March 24: Larson will attend.
- Administrators Meeting, Phoenix, March 29-April 1: Englund will attend.
- USW Wheat Quality Survey meeting, Kansas City, March 22: Englund will attend.

Commissioner Davis moved to approve travel as requested. Commissioner Halverson seconded. Motion carried.

NEXT COMMISSION MEETING TENTATIVELY SET FOR THE FIRST WEEK IN APRIL.

NO OTHER ITEMS ON THE AGENDA, CHAIRMAN LARSON CALLED FOR ADJOURNMENT AT 5:00 PM.


Steve Halverson, Commissioner 4/7/11
Date


Randy L. Englund, Executive Director 4/7/11
Date