

NDCISA Southwest District Meeting December 14, 2016 – Teleconference (Mandan/Dickinson/Fargo)

The Meeting was called to order by Southwest District Director Dennis Renner.

Minutes: The minutes were approved by Jackie Buckley with a second by Mike Gartner. Motion carried.

NDCISA and DSS Financial Reports: Motion to accept the financials as read by Craig Askim with a second from Bruce Schmidt. Motion carried.

County Membership & Check off Updates: We currently have all of the county memberships in with 33 outstanding check offs.

Gonzalo Rojas gave the Dakota Select Seed update.

Resolutions: No resolutions were introduced from the Southwest District

Elections:

SW District Director: Mike Gartner nominated Bill Flaget. Mike Gartner moved nominations cease and cast a unanimous ballot for Bill Flaget. Rick Schmidt seconded. Motion carried.

Representative for Seed Allocation Committee: Rick Schmidt nominated Dennis Renner. Rick Schmidt moved that nominations cease and we cast a unanimous ballot for Dennis Renner. Craig Askim seconded. Motion carried.

Dakota Select Seed Representative: Mike Gardner nominated Bill Flaget. Mike Gardner moved that nominations cease and we cast a unanimous ballot for Bill Flaget. Craig Askim seconded. Motion carried.

Dale Zetocha reviewed the Research Fee Update and Impact.

State Seed Department's overview was given by Joe Magnusson.

Grant Mehring from NDSU was in attendance to give the Small Grain Variety Update.

Foundation Seedstocks update was given by Gonzalo Rojas and Dale Williams. Dale Williams brought forward the resolutions from the other districts.

Door prizes: Gloves go to Rick Schmidt, Mike Gartner won the tool set, and Jackie Buckley won the blanket.

A motion was made to adjourn by Craig Askim with a second from Mike Gardner. Motion carried.

NDCISA Northwest District Meeting

December 1, 2016 – Minot, ND

The meeting was called to order by Northwest District Director Blake Inman.

Minutes: The minutes were approved by Del Gates with a second by Jim Hennessy. Motion carried.

NDCISA and DSS Financial Report: Greg Simonson made a motion to accept the financials as read with a second from Dave Miller. Motion carried.

County Membership & Check off Updates: All memberships are in however we have 36 outstanding check offs to date.

Dakota Select Update was given by Gonzalo Rojas.

Resolutions:

Troy Coons made a motion for to the approval to make three separate resolutions that he will write up and have prepared in time for the annual meeting. The resolutions will be regarding:

1. Fundraising for NCREC
2. New flax breeder, pulse breeder, and oats technician
3. Retaining a hundred percent budget

Greg Simonson seconded. Motion carried.

Resolutions as later submitted by Troy Coons:

Resolution 1 -

Whereas adequate foundation seed conditioning facilities are lacking at North Central REC.

Whereas adequate foundation seed conditioning facilities are needed to produce and distribute pure foundation class seed to ensure maximum value in crop production by ND producers.

Whereas pure seed is imperative to support the success of North Dakota agriculture.

Be it resolved that the NW district of NDCISA supports a number 1 priority ranking from SBARE for the construction of a stationary seed plant at North Central REC.

Whereas the 2015 Legislative Session has allowed additional funds to be raised.

Whereas the NCREC is actively engaged in fundraising activities and recognizes that additional funding will be necessary to complete the needed conditioning facilities.

Be it resolved that the NW district of NDCISA supports a request for the legislature to match external funds generated by the NCREC for completion of the project.

Resolution 2 -

Whereas NDSU currently has the vacant positions of flax breeder, pulse crop breeder and a critical oat varietal development program technician.

Whereas strong plant breeding and varietal development programs are vital in the enhancement and support of ND agriculture.

Whereas NDSU has the only flax breeding program in the US and ND produces 92+ % of the US flax to supply a unique oil with traditional and potentially emerging uses.

Whereas pulse crop production is increasing in ND and becoming more important to ND agriculture and the NDSU pulse breeding program which was initiated in 2008 is now beginning to gain momentum and turn out potential varieties to support the ND pulse producers and industry.

Whereas the oat breeding program has a long history of providing superior varieties for ND agriculture and this program has lost the only technician assigned to this project due to retirement and this program will be ineffective without this personnel support.

Be it resolved that the NW district of NDCISA strongly supports refilling these critical vacant positions of flax breeder, pulse crop breeder and oat varietal development program technician to provide economic benefits to ND agriculture and economy.

Resolution 3 -

Whereas ND agricultural is the leading industry sector in ND and recognized as a major economic engine for the ND economy which employs 24% of the state's population.

Whereas North Dakota State University, as the Land Grant University of ND, has the directive and obligation to provide resources to support and enhance the agricultural industry which generates about 25% of ND's economic base.

Whereas investment in agriculture research has enabled ND to be the number one US producer of many major crops with a ND economic impact of \$10.9 Billion per year.

Be it resolved that the NW district of NDCISA strongly supports the reinstatement of 100 percent of the NDSU Ag budget.

(Data presented selected from 2016 NASS reports and 2016 North Dakota Agriculture, Volume 1)

District Director: Dave Miller nominated Troy Coons to continue on the NDCISA board. Jim Hennessy moved that nominations cease and cast a unanimous ballot for Troy Coons. Del Gates seconded. Motion carried.

Representative for Seed Allocation Committee: Greg Simonson nominated Del Gates. LoAyne Voigt moved that nominations cease and cast a unanimous ballot for Del Gates. Dave Miller seconded. Motion carried.

Dakota Select Seed Representative: Jim Hennessy nominated Troy Coons. Del Gates moved nominations cease and cast a unanimous ballot for Troy Coons. Greg Simonson seconded. Motion carried.

Shana Forster gave an update on the progress of the Seed Cleaning Facility at NCREC.

Door prizes: Gloves - Parker Gates, Tool set - Joe Magnusson, Blanket - Sara Clemens

Dale Zetocha reviewed the Research Fee Update and Impact.

State Seed Department's overview was given by Joe Magnusson.

Joel Ransom was in attendance to give the Small Grain Variety Update.

Foundation Seedstocks update was given by Gonzalo Rojas and Dale Williams.

Greg Simonson made a motion to adjourn the meeting with a second by Del Gates. Motion carried.

**NDCISA Northeast District Meeting
December 2, 2016 - Devils Lake**

The meeting was called to order by Northeast District Director Aaron Johnson.

Minutes: The minutes were approved by Jon Iverson with a second by Brad Brummond. Motion carried.

NDCISA and DSS Financial Report: Charlie Stein made a motion to accept the financials as read with a second from Leon Hiltner. Motion carried.

County Membership & Check Off Updates - All memberships are in however we have 36 outstanding check offs to date.

Dakota Select Seed update was given by Gonzalo Rojas.

Resolutions:

Leon Hiltner so moved that we reintroduce the resolution from last year regarding Harris Hall. Jon Iverson second. Motion carried. Leon Hiltner will be rewriting the resolutions for Harris Hall.

Brian O'Toole moved that NDSU Research Foundation consult with NDCISA to provide joint approval prior to releasing PVPA protected varieties outside the US. Leon Hiltner seconded. Motion carried.

Jon Iverson made a motion to support the resolution brought forth from the Northwest District regarding refilling of positions of Flax, Pulse, & Oat breeders and to reinstate the Ag budget from 95% to 100%. Charlie Stein seconded. Motion carried.

Brian O'Toole made a motion that we eliminate the \$8 fee on Gold-ND and the ND1406HP soybean and Jon Iverson seconded. Motion carried. Leon Hiltner will be submitting this as a resolution.

Resolutions as later submitted by Leon Hiltner:

Resolution 1 -

Whereas agriculture is the #1 industry in North Dakota and the production of cereal crops is a large portion of that industry.

Whereas the development of new and better spring wheat and durum varieties is the goal of the NDSU wheat breeding program.

Whereas the development of new varieties takes place in the new NDSU greenhouse and the quality of these new varieties is tested in the Cereal Crop Science building known as Harris Hall.

Whereas Harris Hall is an antiquated structure where the scientists are relegated to confined work spaces, which undoubtedly compromises the efficiency of the equipment used to test the baking qualities of the newly developed varieties.

Whereas these conditions could result in the loss of scientists and/or staff because private industry or other universities' facilities are undoubtedly more modern,

Whereas the construction of a modern facility can only enhance the research, development and testing of cereal crops for many years to come,

Be it resolved that the NDCISA urges the governor and legislators of North Dakota and the administration of NDSU to make the construction of the Cereal Crop Science building known as Harris Hall a major priority for funding in the next legislative session.

Resolution 2 -

Whereas the NDCISA board of directors have implemented an \$8.00 per bushel commodity fee on the sale of ND Gold flax seed and ND1406HP soybean seed,

Whereas, this fee has limited the sale of these varieties,

Whereas, because of the loss of sales of these varieties, the potential of these crops cannot be realized,

Be it resolved that the NDCISA board of directors be encouraged to greatly reduce or remove this commodity fee on ND Gold flax and ND1406HP soybean seed.

Resolution 3 -

Whereas, the NDSU Research Foundation holds the rights to the intellectual property on the wheat varieties developed at NDSU.

Whereas, this intellectual property can be shared with other research and/or governmental entities by contractual agreement between only the said entity and the NDSU Research Foundation.

Whereas, the funding of NDSU varietal research programs that develop new wheat varieties is funded in part by producer organizations such as the North Dakota Crop Improvement and Seed Association, the ND Wheat Commission, etc.

Whereas, the release of NDSU varieties by the NDSU Research Foundation to Canada has resulted in Canada's establishment of a new class of wheat (Canadian origin northern spring) comprised solely of these NDSU varieties.

Whereas, as Canada will not recognize NDSU varieties grown outside Canada as in the same class as their CONS because they are not "Canadian Origin",

Whereas, this limits ND producers from accessing the Canadian markets which, from time to time, provides an economic advantage, especially to the border states of the US,

Be it resolved that, in the future, any NDSU developed wheat variety be released to either a research or government entity, that it be a joint release between the NDSU Research Foundation and the NDCISA.

Elections:

District Director: Leon Hiltner nominated Tim Goeser. John Peyerl made a motion that nominations cease and cast a unanimous ballot. Second by Leon Hiltner. Motion carried.

Representative for the Seed Allocation Committee: Brad Brummond nominated Aaron Johnson. Jon Iverson made a motion to cast a unanimous ballot for Aaron Johnson, second by Jon Iverson. Motion carried.

Dakota Select Seed Representative: Brian O'Toole nominated Leon Hiltner. Tim Goeser moved that nominations cease and cast a unanimous ballot for Leon Hiltner. Brian O'Toole seconded. Motion carried.

Door Prizes: Brian O'Toole won the gloves, Carmen Ewert won the blanket, and Jon Iverson won the toolset.

Joel Ransom gave the Small Grain Variety Update.

State Seed Department Update was presented by Joe Magnusson.

Dale Zetocha gave the overview of the Research Foundation.

Foundation Seedstocks Update was given by Gonzalo Rojas and Dale Williams.

Leon Hiltner moved to adjourn with a second from Jon Iverson. Motion carried.

Southeast District Meeting December 5, 2016 – Casselton

The meeting was called to order by Southeast District Director John Schatz and later taken over by Southeast District Director Luke Anderson

Minutes: Ross Lockhart made a motion to approve the minutes as read. Randy Gruenich seconded. Motion carried.

NDCISA and DSS Financial Report: Julianne Racine made a motion to approve the financials as read Neal Goerger seconded. Motion carried.

County Membership & Check off Updates: All memberships are in however we have 36 outstanding check offs to date.

Dakota Select Seed report was given by Gonzalo Rojas.

Resolutions: None were brought forward from the Southeast District

Election:

District Director: Greg Abentroth nominated Ross Lockhart. Tom Teigen moved to cease nominations and cast a unanimous vote for Ross Lockhart. Greg Abentroth seconded. Motion carried.

Representative for the Seed Allocation Committee: Ross Lockhart nominated Luke Anderson. Neal Goerger then moved to cease nominations and cast a unanimous vote for Luke Anderson. Ross Lockhart seconded. Motion carried.

Representative for Dakota Select Seed: Neal Goerger nominated Ross Lockhart. Greg Abentroth then moved to cease nominations and cast a unanimous vote for Ross Lockhart. Randy Gruenich seconded. Motion carried.

Other: Randy Gruenich ask for a follow up on ND Dylan Rye and ND Henson and what fees are involved.

Door prizes: Greg Abentroth won the gloves, Neal Goerger won the blanket, John Schatz won the toolset.

Dale Zetocha reviewed the Research Fee Update and Impact.

State Seed Department's overview was given by Ken Bertsch.

Grant Mehring from NDSU was in attendance to give the Small Grain Variety Update.

Foundation Seedstocks update was given by Gonzalo Rojas and Dale Williams.

Resolutions from other districts were discussed. Southeast district was supportive of the resolutions.

Brian Otteson made a motion to adjourn with a second from Ross Lockhart. Motion carried.