



August 14, 2012

MINUTES of the Regular meeting, held at the James C. Hageman SAREC, 2753 State Highway 157, Lingle, Wyoming

The meeting was called to order by Chairman John Watson at 9:15 am. Present were Chairman Watson, Vice-chairman Theron Anderson, Tim Anderson, and Casey Madsen. Also present throughout the meeting were Executive Director Keith Kennedy. Also present at various times, as noted in the minutes were Tom May WWMC member, Ken Tremain and Marti Hubbs, WWGA, Jim Freeburn and Bret Hess, University of Wyoming (UW). Ted Craig, *ex-officio* member was unable to attend until after the WWMC meeting adjourned, due to State Fair duties. Also present throughout the morning session was a reporter from The Torrington Telegram.

Watson declared a quorum present and asked the group's pleasure regarding the agenda. Tim Anderson moved, with Madsen's second, to approve the revised agenda as printed on the second and third pages of the meeting packet. Motion carried. Madsen then moved, with Tim Anderson's second, to approve the minutes of the June 20 and August 6, 2012 meetings. Motion carried.

Kennedy presented the financial report, noting that the figures for June 2012 are preliminary, subject to revision after all encumbered amounts from FY 2012 that were paid in July 2012 will be deducted in the final report for BFY2011. Tim Anderson moved, with Madsen's second, to approve the preliminary financial report. Motion carried. Theron Anderson moved, with Madsen's second, to approve payment of \$32.41 to Agrimind, for agenda printing that was disallowed by WDA personnel in FY2012, and 133.39 incurred by Agrimind for conference call costs and shipping of wheat samples. Motion carried.

Members reviewed the situation with the WWGA contract; Tim Anderson moved, with Theron Anderson's second, to approve the WWGA contract amendment, and to pay \$1,000 of the total amount of \$2,000 due under this amendment immediately upon receipt of invoice, and to approve the current grower report offered by Ken Tremain. Motion carried. Further discussion proceeded regarding how the Commission can alleviate the financial difficulty faced by WWGA due to WDA changing enforcement of contract terms. It was agreed to wait until the end of the meeting for further action in this matter.

Members reviewed the lesson plans presented to the Commission by Wyoming Ag In the Classroom (WAIC); Theron Anderson moved, with Madsen's second, to approve the lesson plans as presented to the Commission. Motion carried.

Watson gave a brief overview of the Planting Decision meeting discussion held August 6 for the benefit of guests. Kennedy reported on the U.S. Wheat
2219 Carey Avenue, Cheyenne, Wyoming 82002

www.wyomingwheat.com

"Expanding and maintaining wheat markets for Wyoming's producers"

Associates Summer Board Meeting in Spokane, Washington. Committee assignments for USWA are unchanged for this upcoming year, with Watson serving on Long-Range Planning and Budget, Tim Anderson on Wheat Quality, and Keith Kennedy on Communications, and serving *ex-officio* on Joint Biotechnology.

Tim Anderson moved, with Madsen's second, to approve travel at a cost not to exceed \$1,500 each for two USWA board members and the executive director to attend the USWA Fall Board meetings in Houston, Texas in late October 2012. Motion carried.

Kennedy then reported that Wyoming's board team travel rotation is allocated to the upcoming Asia trip, January 10 – 23, 2013. Other states on this trip are North Dakota and Kansas. Members will check schedules, and consult with each other, notifying Kennedy of their decision by the end of August. Kennedy also reported that contact with Cindy Garretson-Weibel regarding upcoming grant(s), and that the amounts likely available would not be sufficient to send an additional member on this USWA Board Team Travel, as airfare will be \$9,000-\$12,000 (rotation travel is paid by USWA directly).

Bret Hess updated members on activities of the UW Agricultural Experiment Station, the primary topic being that a Central Personnel Management has approved a small grain plant breeder to be stationed at SAREC. Keith Kennedy and Jerry Nachtman are both on the committee for this hire, which is hoped will be completed by the end of 2012.

Kennedy reported that he has been involved in the rulemaking and criteria development for the Applied Ag Research Program. Madsen moved, with Tim Anderson's second, that Kennedy prepare an application for this program that would purchase weather logging stations for variety trial sites when appropriate. Motion carried.

Lunch was provided by SAREC personnel on site. After lunch the group viewed the dryland farming areas of SAREC, with SAREC personnel seeking member input regarding erosion difficulties on portions of these sites.

Travis Jordan, Travis McNiven and Becky Cole held a conference call with members and guests (Ken Tremain, Marti Hubbs, and Tom May joined prior to this call starting) to update all on progress in Congress on the Farm Bill and related issues. After the call concluded, the review of variety trial information was completed. Quality information from the samples sent to the Wheat Marketing Center (WMC) in Portland was reviewed, although incomplete. Falling numbers and FGIS data was available for all dryland samples. Only FGIS data was available for the irrigated samples. Tim Anderson moved, with Madsen's second, to pay an amount not to exceed \$3,300 to WMC for quality testing, when invoiced. Motion carried. Madsen moved to accept the variety trial data as satisfying all reporting requirements for the contract with Crop Research Foundation of Wyoming (CRFW), and that the \$9,000 due to CRFW for the FY2013 contract be paid immediately upon receipt. Motion carried.

Returning to other business, Madsen moved, with Tim Anderson's second, to direct WDA personnel to draft an amendment to the WWGA contract for providing Farm Bill and crop insurance updates to growers prior to the annual convention,

with said amendment to be considered at the first available conference call. Motion carried. Members were reminded that the next conference call will be September 10, 2012, with subsequent calls to be on the second Monday of each month. Chairman Anderson, after input from members, set the next regular meeting date as December 11, 2012, in Albin, Wyoming, following the WWGA Annual Convention, approximately 4 p.m. Hearing no further business, Chairman Watson adjourned the meeting at 4:05 p.m.



Signed, John Watson, Chairman