



December 11, 2012

MINUTES of the Regular meeting, held at Rock Ranch Grill, 711 Parson Street, Pine Bluffs, Wyoming

The meeting was called to order by Chairman John Watson at 4:45 pm. Present were Chairman Watson, Vice-chairman Theron Anderson, and Casey Madsen. Also present throughout the meeting were Executive Director Keith Kennedy, and Ted Craig, *ex-officio* representative of the Wyoming Department of Agriculture. Also present were Tom May, past WWMC member, Ken Tremain, Marti Hubbs, Ty Anderson, Steve Johnson, and Russell Beavers, all with the Wyoming Wheat Growers Association (WWGA), and Mike Moore from Wyoming Seed Certification Service.

Watson declared a quorum present and asked the group's pleasure regarding the agenda. Theron Anderson moved, with Madsen's second, to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried. Madsen then moved, with Theron Anderson's second, to approve the minutes of the August 14, 2012 regular meeting, and the minutes of the September 10 and November 12, 2012 telephone conference meetings. Motion carried.

Kennedy presented the financial report, noting that the final figures for June 2012 have not yet been received, and that there was a difference of \$351.62 between the June 2012 ending balance in hand, and the beginning balance for July 2012. Kennedy felt that it was likely this amount was in-state travel and office expenses that he submitted in late June 2012, but these expenses had not yet been listed in the monthly spreadsheet. Theron Anderson moved, with Madsen's second, to approve the financial report, subject to the clarification of the discrepancy in ending/beginning balances. Motion carried.

Madsen moved, with Theron Anderson's second, to approve the payment of two contractual obligations to U.S. Wheat Associates in a total amount of \$19,050 as soon as possible after January 1, 2013. Motion carried.

Ken Tremain offered the report from WWGA detailing all activities to date since the beginning of the FY2013. Ken also reported on the Crop Insurance education and Farm Bill update offered by WWGA during the annual meeting earlier this date. Theron Anderson moved, with Madsen's second, to accept this report from WWGA as meeting all conditions of contract amendments 1 and 3, and that the Commission approve payment of the remaining \$600 due for the first half of contract amendment 1, and the full amount due under contract amendment 3, \$2,500, upon invoice and as soon as possible on or after January 1, 2013 (total amount payable \$3,100). Motion carried. Ken stated that the written summary required by the contract will be provided to the executive director next week.

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Crop Research Foundation of Wyoming discussed the report tendered earlier in the day to the WWGA Convention on wheat quality. The tests were conducted on the varieties Buckskin, Cowboy, Settler CL, and experimental line CO 050337-2 on dryland samples, and Camelot was substituted for Buckskin when testing was conducted on the irrigated samples. In addition to grading by FGIS (Federal Grain Inspection Service), ground wheat moisture, falling number, and Buhler flour extraction were determined on the wheat samples from each variety and location. In addition, flour moisture was determined after milling, and farinograph data was obtained for each sample from each location. Farinograph data included: water absorption, both corrected for 500 FU, and for 14.0% moisture, development time, stability, tolerance index (MTI), time to breakdown, and farinograph quality number. Generalizing the results, it appeared that location was more determinative of farinograph quality than the specific variety; however, when averaged across the sites, Settler CL had the highest farinograph quality number, followed by Cowboy, then CO 050337-2, and Buckskin lowest. Also mentioned were the quality results from the Plains Grains testing, where composite samples from five local elevators were tested. Although the PGI tests revealed that kernel size in Wyoming was small than adjacent grainsheds, with a much larger proportion of medium sized kernels than neighboring samples, the number of small kernels was similar, all other testing parameters were similar to neighboring grainsheds, including flour extraction rate, excepting loaf volume, where the Wyoming composite sample was 850 cubic centimeters, and no neighboring samples tested above 800 cubic centimeters. CRFW also reported that the total cost of PVPA registration of Cowboy would cost \$5,150, provided that no appeal would be necessary. Personnel from UW, CRFW, and Colorado State are currently working on preparing for the filing of the registration; payment must be made when the application is submitted. Theron Anderson moved, with Madsen's second, to accept this report as satisfying all conditions of Amendment 2 to the contract between CRFW and the Commission, and to approve the payment of \$9,000 due under contract amendment 2 immediately upon presentation to the Commission. Motion carried.

Kennedy then offered the report of the executive director, reminding members of the issues facing U.S. Wheat Associates (USWA) if no Farm Bill is passed in the near future. Tim Anderson is scheduled to participate in the USWA board team travel to Asia in mid-January; if no resolution to USDA-FAS funding is reached soon, this travel will be cancelled. It has been assumed that if Farm Bill resolution is reached at some point, such that USWA foreign offices remain open, this travel will be rescheduled for upcoming fiscal years. Kennedy then reported on USWA winter board meeting in late January, with committee meetings beginning early the morning of January 26 and 27, board meetings on January 28, and Hill visits continuing throughout the remainder of the week. Theron Anderson moved, with Madsen's second, to approve paying travel expenses for two board members and the executive director, in an amount not to exceed \$2,000 per person. Motion carried. Madsen moved, with Theron Anderson's second, to approve, without any financial obligation on the Commission or the State of Wyoming, Tim Anderson's travel with the USWA Board Team travel to Asia in January, subject to USWA's

continued funding. Motion carried. Madsen noted that the previous Board Team Travel participant was Lou Hubbs, who was not a member of the Commission at the time of travel.

Kennedy then reported on his participation in the faculty selection committee for the small grain breeder position at UW-SAREC. Yesterday the committee met and selected four applicants to invite to interviews in Laramie. The likely time frame for these interviews will be in late January, early February. Kennedy also reported that the rules for the Applied Ag Research Program are in the public comment period; he asked the Commission's pleasure on applying for funding for weather stations to be located on-site at the variety trials. Madsen moved, with Theron Anderson's second, that Kennedy prepare a grant request in accordance with the final rules of the program for funding for weather stations at the variety trial sites. Motion carried.

Members were reminded that the next conference call will be January 14, 2013, 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 February 12, in Cheyenne, Wyoming. Hearing no further business, Chairman Watson adjourned the meeting at 7:10 p.m.



Signed, John Watson, Chairman