



April 8, 2013, 7:30 am  
MINUTES of the regularly schedule conference call

The meeting was called to order by Chairman John Watson at 7:35 am. Present were Chairman Watson, Vice-chairman Theron Anderson, and Casey Madsen, along with executive director Keith Kennedy and Muff Parker with Wyoming Department of Agriculture. Ted Craig, *ex-officio* representative of WDA joined the meeting as it was in progress, and member Lois VanMark joined after the call to order, where indicated in the minutes.

Watson declared a quorum present and asked the group's pleasure regarding the agenda. Madsen moved, with Theron Anderson's second, to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried.

Madsen moved, with Theron Anderson's second, to approve contract amendment two as presented for an additional year, until June 30, 2014, for executive director services with Agrimind. Kennedy was asked if the one year extension was acceptable to Agrimind, and Kennedy said that it was acceptable. Motion carried.

After discussion regarding some conflicting amounts in the contract amendment four with the Wheat Growers Association, Theron Anderson moved, with Madsen's second, to approve the contract amendment four with Wheat Growers subject to correcting the amount to \$9,000 for Fiscal Year 2014, with the total for the three years of the contract to be \$30,500. Motion carried.

Theron Anderson moved, with Madsen's second, to approve the contract amendment three to the Crop Research Foundation of Wyoming as presented. Discussion ensued as to the total amount of the contract, when it was agreed that the amounts were correct. Motion carried.

Kennedy reported on the state executives meeting in Portland at the end of March; general agreement that US Wheat Associates should not continue to push a national checkoff. Other items discussed included how able commission's would be to offer additional funding if states felt that a larger portion of the cost of operating USWA became necessary. There was also discussion of greater state participation in the UES process. Kennedy also reported that the search for a small grains breeder by UW was unsuccessful, and that a new search was just beginning for a small grain agronomist with breeding experience. Finally, Kennedy reported that he had made reservations/registration for four Commission members to attend the USWA Summer meeting in Rapid City, SD, beginning 8 am on June 29, ending July 1 at noon. Kennedy asked that members inform him by the May 16 meeting as to their attendance intentions.

The draft letter to WDA was discussed, Madsen moved, with Theron Anderson's second, to approve the letter, and that the addressee be changed to Jason Fearneyhough. Motion carried.

Muff Parker then discussed administrative policy draft, and requested that members make suggestions to her and Kennedy, for incorporation into the draft that will considered by the Commission at the next regular meeting. Craig asked if Kennedy had been contacted by Jay Norton for a support letter for a research proposal; Kennedy had not received any such inquiry.

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Chairman Watson, after input regarding agenda items, set the next regular meeting date as May 16<sup>th</sup>, 2013, in Cheyenne, Wyoming at 10:00 a.m. Hearing no further business, Chairman Watson adjourned the meeting at 8:05 a.m.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John Watson". The signature is written in a cursive style and has a long, horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Signed, John Watson, Chairman