



September 9, 2013, 6:00 a.m.

MINUTES of Regular conference call, Wyoming Wheat Marketing Commission

Members present: John Watson, Lois VanMark, Tim Anderson, Casey Madsen, Theron Anderson; Keith Kennedy, Executive Director, and Marti Hubbs, Wheat Growers Association Executive Secretary.

Chairman Watson called the meeting to order at 6:01 am. Kennedy was asked to report on the status of the WWGA invoice for the final payment for FY2013; he reported that Fearneyhough, Miamoto, and Craig were all unavailable last Friday. Another glitch with paperwork has further delayed payment; currently, this invoice is 50 days past due, as the signed invoice was hand delivered to WDA on June 7, 2013. Kennedy will inform all concerned when this payment is made. After discussion, it was agreed to pursue payment of late fees by WDA at the next meeting, hopefully with supervisory personnel in attendance.

The Portland, OR trip to the fall USWA meeting was the next item on the agenda. Kennedy stated that the estimated cost per attendee is \$2,000 each, including \$300 for round trip flights. This cost assumes arrival in Portland on November 3, departing on November 8, after the Wheat Innovation Alliance Champion Training. The cost will decrease \$250 per day for every day before November 8 when an attendee departs. The USWA meeting ends at 5:00 pm on November 6, with WIA board meeting on the 7th. The status of one-day training on the 7th at the Wheat Marketing Center is unknown, Kennedy will ascertain this ASAP, so that attendees can purchase airfare forthwith. Theron Anderson moved, with, Tim Anderson's second, to approve payment of travel expenses not to exceed \$2,000 each for three Commission members and the Executive Director to attend these meetings. Motion carried.

Kennedy reported that he had been in touch with Bing VonBergen regarding possible increased demand for Cowboy Foundation seed, due to favorable yields in the Montana trials. VonBergen has not yet responded; consensus was that the current planting should be sufficient, until next year's trial results are available.

The Chairman then asked about the date of the next meeting; Kennedy asked if September 26th would work, as the Growers did consider

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that date workable, and that he would be in Lusk for the Wyoming Legislature's interim Agriculture Committee meeting on the Grower's other possible date, Tuesday, September 24th. Hearing no objection, Watson set the next meeting for September 26th, 2013, Thursday, at 10:00 am, at the Wyoming Department of Agriculture. Kennedy will coordinate with Hubbs to set a location for the Crop Research Foundation and Growers Board meeting, beginning at 5:00 pm that same day.

Watson then asked the group's pleasure regarding the invoice from the Crop Research Foundation of Wyoming in the amount of \$9,000 under amendment three to the existing grant. The grant contract was approved at the April conference call, and executed by mid-May, with the grant payable on July 1, 2013, but the Commission has not yet approved the payment. Theron Anderson moved, with Madsen's second, to pay the CRFW invoice of \$9,000 immediately upon presentation, having satisfied all conditions of this and previous grants. Motion carried.

Hearing no further business, Watson adjourned the meeting at 6:20 am.



Signed, John Watson, Chairman