



November 21, 2014

MINUTES of the Regular meeting, held at the Wyoming Department of Agriculture, 2219 Carey Avenue, Cheyenne, Wyoming.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Madsen at 10:11 am. Present were Theron Anderson, John Watson, and Chairman Casey Madsen, along with Executive Director Keith Kennedy. Also present were Ted Craig, Pam Bell, and Jessica Jones, new contract officer, all with WY Department of Agriculture. Members Lois VanMark and Tim Anderson were absent.

Madsen declared a quorum present, and asked the group's pleasure regarding the agenda. Theron Anderson moved, with Watson's second, to approve the published agenda. Motion carried. Watson moved, with Theron Anderson's second, to approve the minutes of the August 14, 2014 meeting. Motion carried.

Kennedy then presented the financial reports, which included April-June of the previous fiscal and biennium, along with July-October of the current fiscal year. The FY2014 encumbrances that were paid in July and August were discussed, and Ted Craig discussed the cash balance present. Watson moved, with Theron Anderson's second, to approve the financial report. Motion carried. Theron Anderson moved, with Watson's second, to approved payment of Plains Grains, Inc.'s invoice for 2014 services in the amount of \$1,312. Motion carried.

Kennedy reported on the fall board meeting of U.S. Wheat Associates. First he relayed that Whiteside and Associates contacted all wheat commissions that were not members of the Alliance for Rail Competition (ARC), extending an invitation to join ARC free of charge, and without further obligation for one year. Kennedy asked to Commission to ratify his acceptance of this offer for one year's membership in ARC without obligation for further membership. Theron Anderson so moved, with Watson's second, and the motion carried.

Kennedy also mentioned the change in USWA Board election procedure, via by-law amendment, which passed, along with a general report of the various committees and other board actions, including a resolution regarding Federal Grain Inspection Service, and the continuation of the continuation of these inspection services during disruption of service by contract providers. Kennedy also mentioned that he spoke with Terry Whiteside about scheduling grower meetings with the Surface Transportation Board in January, hopefully on Wednesday afternoon prior to the Winter Wheat meetings in Washington, D.C. Watson moved, with Madsen's second, to approve an amount not to exceed \$2,500 each for two commission members and the executive director to attend the winter wheat meetings in Washington, D.C. in late January and early February 2015. Motion carried. Kennedy also mentioned that Wyoming's turn at Board Team Travel was scheduled for February 26 – March 10, 2015, to Latin America. He will contact members next week, as we must notify U.S. Wheat Associates of our attendee by December 1, 2014.

Madsen recessed the meeting at 12:15 pm for lunch, and called the meeting back to order at 1:15 pm. Kennedy then logged into the Hobo Link website to show members the weather data collection from three of the five sites. The other two sites cannot relay data via cellular service, and so the data must be periodically downloaded to a laptop computer.

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The white papers that were presented to USWA and NAWG at the fall meeting were reviewed and discussed; Kennedy was to ascertain administrative costs charged by USDA for the soybean and sorghum checkoff programs. It was agreed to hold further discussions on this issue prior to the USWA winter board meeting.

Kennedy was asked to set up a meeting with Dr. Rupesh Kariat, hopefully during the first full week in January, and when a firm date has been set, to invite the Grower's Association board to this research priority meeting. Kennedy will provide public notice to the Department. The next regular meeting will be held January 13, 2015, following the Wheat Grower's annual meeting, at the Rock Ranch Grill, Pine Bluffs, WY.

Hearing no further business, Madsen entertained a motion to adjourn. Watson moved, with Theron Anderson's second, that the meeting be adjourned. Motion carried. Members were reminded of the next scheduled conference calls, December 8 and January 12. The meeting was adjourned at 2:44 pm.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Casey Madsen".

Signed, Casey Madsen, Chairman