



June 30, 2017

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

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Theron Anderson at 9:59 am. Present were Anderson, Ken Tremain, Executive Director Keith Kennedy, and *ex-officio* Ted Craig. Lois VanMark and John Watson joined by teleconference, and Casey Madsen joined in person at 10:08 am. Also in attendance were Clint Jessen and Ashley Jessen; Pam Bell, Stacia Berry, and Dale Heggem with Wyoming Department of Agriculture (WDA), and finally Chris Brown and Abigail Boudewyns, with the Wyoming Attorney General's office.

Anderson declared a quorum present, Tremain moved, with VanMark's second, to approve the agenda. Motion carried. Tremain moved, with VanMark's second, to approve the minutes as corrected of the May 22, 2017 regular meeting. Motion carried.

Kennedy then presented the financial report; the financials from May 2017 were reviewed. VanMark moved, with Tremain's second, to approve the financials. Watson moved to amend the motion, with VanMark's second, to exclude from approval the \$173 charged to the Commission under 'Central Mail / Postage'. Amendment carried, motion carried. Madsen moved, with Watson's second, to approve the FY2018 contract with U.S. Wheat Associates, in the amount of \$12,500. Motion carried.

Finally, Clint and Ashley Jessen discussed the refund request they had submitted, and their reasoning behind that decision. With the discussion of an organic advisory group in the minutes of the May 22, 2017 meeting, the Jessen's concerns are alleviated. Members of the Commission asked the Jessen's to supply names of organic wheat producers who would be willing to meet with the Commission this fall, most likely in November, to determine what actions the Commission could take that would benefit organic wheat growers. Kennedy is to contact organic certifiers to see what options would be available for further collection of assessments. Jessen's will not further pursue the refund requests that were initially denied by the Commission.

VanMark moved, with Tremain's second, to adjourn at 11:02 am. Motion carried. Noticed conference call is July 24, 2017, with the next in-person meeting on August 14, 2017 following the Wheat Planting decision meeting.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Theron Anderson".

Signed, Theron Anderson, Chairman

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