



Wyoming Wheat Marketing Commission

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Minutes of Wyoming Wheat Marketing Commission, August 15, 2007, held via conference call, was called to order by Tim Anderson at 8:05 am. Anderson determined that there was a quorum present, then asked for any additions or deletions to the agenda; hearing none, the agenda was approved. Present on the conference call were members Tim Anderson, Fred Barton, Casey Madsen and Dan Jackson, along with Executive Director Keith Kennedy. Sarka White joined the conference call at 9:00 am.

Jackson moved, with Barton's second, to approve the minutes of the July 19, 2007 meeting. Motion carried.

Kennedy presented the financial report, noting that he had not yet received spreadsheets from WDA accounting for the months of June and July. He had constructed the sheet from WOLF data, also mentioning that the new state accounting format is less understandable, although this could be due to trial balances obtained during system changeover. He called the commission's attention to an apparent discrepancy between what the cash balance should be given June and July income and expenses, and the balance in the new state system. Madsen moved, with Barton's second, to not approve the financial report, and detail Kennedy to ascertain from the department the apparent discrepancy in ending balance and several individual items, namely payment that has been made to NAWG and differences between the budget adopted in May 2006 and what is present in the state system. Motion carried.

Fred Barton moved, with Jackson's second, to approve \$5,000 for five (5) board members and the executive director to attend the US Wheat Associate's board meeting in Denver, in late September and early October. Motion carried. Madsen moved, with Barton's second, to approve up to \$100 for Kennedy's expenses relating to wheat sample shipments during August and conference call expense. Motion carried.

Kennedy reported that the August newsletter, containing University of Wyoming variety trial information, was sent to the printer, August 10, and that the letter should be mailed tomorrow or Friday, August 17. Discussion ensued regarding the timeliness of variety trial planting, and how the commission might ensure that the University performs plantings in a timely manner in future years. This matter was definitely postponed until the May 2008 meeting. Kennedy expressed a desire for the consensus of the commission regarding upcoming grants; he proposed a RBOG for white wheat/new generation cooperative for FY2008, with the idea that a \$13,000 cash commitment, and \$2,000 value of executive director supervision, would allow for a total study value of \$30,000, given commitment by the Wyoming Wheat Growers for Phase II of this grant. Anderson conducted a straw poll, which was unanimously in favor, given WWGA support of Phase II. Madsen will discuss this with the Growers Association at the August 21, 2007 meeting, and Kennedy will discuss the grant with Ted Craig, Wyoming Business Council and Bob Mailander, Rocky Mountain Coop Development Council. Final authorization will be obtained from the commission, likely at a short meeting on September 29, 2007.

Anderson asked whether any further action should be taken by the Commission regarding the recently published Warehouse rules. Hearing no discussion, the commission moved to the next item on the chairman's agenda. Barton moved, with Madsen's second, to ask John Etchepare to withhold action on the MOU with Nebraska Public Service Commission and Farmer's Elevator Company, until Dale Heggem can ascertain the state of assessments at FEC. Motion carried. Jackson moved, with Barton's second, that Dale Heggem be instructed to audit FEC as soon as possible with regards to Wyoming Wheat Marketing Commission assessments. Motion carried.

Madsen reported on Grower's association activities, primarily on the status of the 2007 Farm Bill. The consensus of opinion is that markup on the Senate side will take place during September, but that it is unlikely that a bill will be signed before October 1. Thus, it is likely that fall planted crops will be the subject of an extension. Madsen also stated that the Grower board would be meeting in Hawk Springs, August 21 in the evening.

Sarka White reported on Ag in the Classroom activities, and stated that a proof of the promotional material would be available soon; the executive director would receive these proofs by email. She also discussed AgExpo dates: October 2 and 3, 2007, Laramie County; September 14, 2007, Converse County; September 21, 2007 Weston County; April 25, 2008, Lander; and April 24, 2008, Teton County.

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After discussion, the next regular meeting of the commission was set for November 13, 2007, following the annual Growers Association meeting in Pine Bluffs. A meeting to discuss the upcoming RBOG grant was set for September 29, 2007 in Denver; members not in attendance at USWA/NAWG, and other public participants will be able to attend by conference call. Anderson asked if there was any further business, hearing none, the meeting was adjourned by Anderson at 9:32 a.m.

Signed _____
Tim Anderson, Chairman