



Wyoming Wheat Marketing Commission

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Minutes of the Wyoming Wheat Marketing Commission, November 13, 2007, held at Rock Ranch Grill, 711 Parson Street, Pine Bluffs, Wyoming, called to order by Chairman Tim Anderson at 5:18 pm. Anderson determined that there was a quorum present, then asked for any additions or deletions to the agenda; the only changes made were to change the order of items, so that the University of Wyoming could present their update earlier in the agenda. Present were members Tim Anderson, Fred Barton and Casey Madsen. Theron Anderson was introduced as the newest member of the Commission. Also present were Keith Kennedy, Executive Director, Jason Fearneyhough, ex-officio member and Muff Parker, Wyoming Department of Agriculture (WDA). Guests were Dr. Jim Krall and Jerry Nachtman, University of Wyoming SAREC, Dale Heggem, WDA agricultural auditor, and Leonard Schock, past president, USWA, Vida, MT.

After reading of the minutes, it was moved by Casey Madsen, seconded by Theron Anderson, to approve the minutes. Motion carried. Kennedy then discussed the financial report, which was current through October 31. Fred Barton moved with Madsen's second, to approve the financial report. Motion carried.

After discussion, it was moved by Madsen, with Barton's second, to approve expending an amount not to exceed \$1,000 for the upcoming newsletter, in late February or early March. Motion carried. It was also moved by Barton, with Theron Anderson's second, to approve \$2,000 each for three persons (the chairman, one board member and the executive director) to attend the U.S. Wheat Associates meetings in late January and early February 2008 in the Washington, DC area. Motion carried.

Chairman Anderson indicated that he hoped to have the Request for Proposals for the upcoming fiscal year presented to the Commission by April, 2008, so that the Commission can adopt a biennial budget that reflects our ongoing commitments.

Jim Krall and Jerry Nachtman discussed ongoing changes at SAREC. Krall reported that the forage harvester, funded in part by the Commission, was used to measure biomass of irrigated wheat trials during the most recent harvest. He mentioned as well that he is now the director of research at SAREC; his duties involving the Commission will be assumed by Nachtman and Jack Cecil. Krall then discussed the new-found presence of sawfly on irrigated wheat at the SAREC during the past growing season; all agreed that this problem should continue to be monitored, and resistant varieties should be present in variety trials.

Dale Heggem presented his findings regarding Farmers Elevator Company and his recent audit relating to Commission assessments. All tickets he examined that were for Wyoming deliveries did ultimately pay an assessment. However, he did allow that 'Bill of Lading' sales were not examined; the Commission should encourage growers to discuss this matter with FEC management. He also mentioned that seed sales did not pay an assessment. After discussion, it was agreed that Kennedy should draft a letter to Wyoming Crop Improvement, asking them to collect the WWMC assessment, when certification fees are collected.

Madsen gave a brief recap of the just concluded Grower's Convention. Discussion also ensued as to the currency of information listed on the website. There was discussion of which board member would be able to participate in the USWA travel to the middle east and north africa during late January; Madsen was first choice, with Tim Anderson being alternate. Kennedy will confirm with USWA staff during November.

The next meeting was set for March 20 at the WDA conference room. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:38 pm.

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