



February 21, 2013

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

The meeting was called to order by Chairman John Watson at 10:35 am. Present were Chairman Watson, Vice-chairman Theron Anderson, and Casey Madsen. Also present, as the Governor's new appointees to the Commission were Tim Anderson and Lois VanMark. Others present throughout the meeting were Executive Director Keith Kennedy, and Ted Craig, *ex-officio* representative of the Wyoming Department of Agriculture (WDA). Also present for the entire meeting was Muff Parker; present for a portion of the meeting was Margy Anderson, both with WDA.

Watson declared a quorum present and asked the group's pleasure regarding the agenda. Madsen moved, with Theron Anderson's second, to approve the altered agenda as presented on the second page of the meeting packet. Motion carried. Theron Anderson moved, with Madsen's second, to approve the minutes of the December 11, 2012 regular meeting. Motion carried.

Kennedy presented the financial report, reiterated that the final figures for June 2012 have not yet been received, and that there was a difference of \$351.62 between the June 2012 ending balances in hand, and the beginning balance for July 2012. Theron Anderson moved, with Madsen's second, to approve the financial report. Discussion ensued regarding several outstanding invoices, including U.S. Wheat Associates. Kennedy was directed to prepare a letter to USWA indicating that the additional amount provided by WWMC to USWA this fiscal year should be dedicated to increasing cash reserves. Motion carried.

Watson offered the report from WWGA detailing activities to date since the previous Commission meeting. Items mentioned included progress on the Farm Bill, possible changes to USDA programs if sequester occurs, and WWGA participation in the upcoming Commodity Classic. Madsen moved, with Theron Anderson's second, to approve the report from WWGA.

Kennedy then gave the executive directors report. He mentioned several items enacted or in process at the state legislature: 1)the increase in road fuel taxes has passed and been signed into law by the Governor, whereby gasoline and diesel taxes will increase by \$0.10 per gallon, effective July 1, 2013; 2)a pesticide bill was this morning in House Agriculture committee, and given 'do pass' by a 9-0 vote, and; 3)a bill that would limit the jurisdiction of municipalities outside of city limits is also proceeding through the second house. He also discussed past due assessments from Yoder Wyoming Grain Company, and noted that WDA had received a check for the amount past due, and that the manager, Bob Dietzler, would be present later in the meeting, to arrive at a settlement for the penalty due with the Commission. He also mentioned that UW would likely be extending an offer to a candidate for the Wheat Breeding position, as a result of the work of the search committee; Kennedy, will report on the progress of this offer, as information becomes available. He also mentioned that the rules for the applied ag research program should be finalized at any time, and he would be preparing an application on behalf of the Commission, as soon as applications will be taken. Finally, Kennedy request approval for travel the state wheat commission executives meeting in Portland, Oregon late in March. Madsen moved, with

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Theron Anderson's second, to approve the executive director's travel to the wheat commission executives meeting in Portland, OR in late March, in an amount not to exceed \$1,000. Motion carried.

Bob Dietzler arrived, and after discussion with the Commission, he agreed upon a penalty for late payment of wheat assessments of \$211.93. Theron Anderson moved, with Madsen's second, to approve the penalty payment by Yoder Wyoming Grain Company in the amount of \$211.93 as satisfying all claims by the Commission on the late payment of assessments by Yoder Wyoming Grain Company. Motion carried.

Tim Anderson then delivered a report including picture, of his recent travel to Asia with the USWA board team travel group, after lunch.

Margy Anderson then joined the meeting to discuss possible contract extensions. Madsen moved, with Theron Anderson's second, that WDA staff draw up one-year extensions to the following contracts in the amounts listed for FY2014; 1) Wyoming Wheat Growers Association, \$9,000; 2) Crop Research Foundation of Wyoming, \$9,000, and; 3) Agrimind, \$31,200. The extensions are to be emailed to the Commission members for their review prior to the April conference call meeting, scheduled for April 8th at 7:30 am. Motion carried. Kennedy is to contact Wyoming Ag In the Classroom to obtain a report on activities conducted on behalf of the Commission prior to the next regular meeting. Tim Anderson also presented a proposal by the Wheat Marketing Center; copies of the proposal were distributed to the Commission members for their review. The Wheat Marketing Center proposal will be acted upon at the next regular meeting.

Muff Parker and Keith Kennedy then discussed creation of a board policy/orientation book; a draft will be prepared for consideration by the Commission at the next regular meeting. Kennedy also mentioned that WDA personnel will be preparing a session on operations of boards. Madsen moved, with Theron Anderson's second, that a letter be prepared by Kennedy, over the signature of all Commission members, requiring that any such train provide the statutory and rule references for all required conduct of such boards. Motion carried.

Members were reminded that the next conference call will be April 8, 2013, with subsequent calls to be on the second Monday of each month. Chairman Watson, after input from members, set the next regular meeting date as May 16th, 2013, in Cheyenne, Wyoming. Hearing no further business, Chairman Watson adjourned the meeting at 3:30 p.m.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John Watson". The signature is written in a cursive style and is followed by a long horizontal line that extends to the right.

Signed, John Watson, Chairman