



December 11, 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 10:02 am. Present were Anderson, Ken Tremain, Casey Madsen, John Watson, Executive Director Keith Kennedy, and *ex-officio* Ted Craig. Also present were Pam Bell and Dale Heggem, Wyoming Department of Agriculture (WDA), Ashley Jessen, Clint Jessen, Rebecca Talmadge, and Dale Sandberg.

Anderson declared a quorum present, Watson moved, with Madsen's second, to approve the agenda. Motion carried unanimously. Tremain moved, with Madsen's second, to approve the minutes of the August 14, 2017 meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Kennedy then presented the financial report; the financials from July – October 2017 were reviewed. Watson moved, with Tremain's second, to approve the financial report. Watson moved, with Madsen's second, to approve payment for travel to the U.S. Wheat Associates (USWA) winter board meeting in Washington, DC, in early February, for a Commission member and the Executive Director in an amount not to exceed \$2,000 each. Motion carried unanimously. Madsen moved, with Watson's second, to approve paying \$6,250 toward the Commissions FY2017 USWA contract immediately after January 1, 2018, with payment of the remaining amount to be considered after receipt of the April 2018 assessments. Motion carried unanimously.

The Commission then conducted an open forum with the members of the public in attendance, regarding their concerns with the Commission as organic wheat growers. Ideas discussed include listing of Wyoming organic wheat growers, including contact information, on the Wheat Growers website; attendance at organic tradeshow; participating in forums to let organic producers know about Commission activities, and; addressing issue of falsified organic certification by wheat and flour importers. Watson moved, with Tremain's second, for the Executive Director to research self-assessment by Wyoming organic wheat producers, and providing documentation so that producers self-assessing would not be subject to assessment in states where they ship wheat. Motion carried unanimously.

The Commission noted reception of a copy of the letter from Lois VanMark to the Governor which offered her resignation from the Commission, due to her taking the position as State Executive Director of USDA's Farm Service Agency for Wyoming.

Tremain moved, with Madsen's second, to adjourn at 1:05 pm. Motion carried unanimously. The next meeting will be held January 4, 2018, at Rock Ranch Grill, 711 Parson Street, Pine Bluffs, Wyoming, in the late afternoon/evening following the annual meeting of the Wyoming Wheat Growers Association.

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

Signed, Theron Anderson, Chairman

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