

Minutes
Minnesota Sunflower Council
Tuesday, June 28, 2016 3:00 pm
Ramada Hotel, Bismarck, ND
Judicial Room

Members Present: John Swanson, Kevin Capistran, Danny Payment and Jerry Hasnedl

Others Present: Tina Mittelsteadt and John Sandbakken

The meeting was called to order by John Swanson at 3:04 PM.

The minutes of the May 18, 2016, conference call were reviewed – **a motion to approve the minutes was made by Jerry Hasnedl and seconded by Kevin Capistran. Motion passed.**

Tina Mittelsteadt provided the financial report for May, 2016. The Council collected \$4,083.50 in check-off funds and \$1.70 in interest. We paid \$28.42 in expenses. The MSC has a cash fund balance of \$40,538.91 as of May 31, 2016. **Kevin Capistran made a motion to approve the financial report and it was seconded by Jerry Hasnedl. Motion passed.**

Crop Update

John Swanson said crop is looking really good in his area. Express at .25 isn't controlling ragweed very well. He had a Spartan Charge and Round-up prior. John is going to spray a second time with Express and see how that works. John asked if we should bring it to the agronomists and research committee attention. No diseases present.

Kevin Capistran stated Minnesota was set up to have a large acre increase this year and he feels most of it got in early. They had a frost on May 13th and were worried they would have to replant. After checking their fields, they feel that 90% of the crops were in good condition. He stated there is one producer in his area trying to get planted now since he didn't seed early and it got too wet.

Jerry stated the crops in St. Hilaire looks good. The sunflowers in Hazel are looking beautiful. They were planted a little later.

Danny reported 98% of the acres got planted. They have received a lot of rain and could use a break from moisture.

John Sandbakken stated the MN Crop Report updated its good to excellent for sunflowers in last week's crop report.

Election Results:

The results from the 2016 MN Sunflower Council District 1 was completed. A total of 671 ballots were mailed out, and 40 ballots were cast. There were five invalid ballots. Jerry Hasnedl was reelected unanimously.

NSA 2016/17 Contract:

John Sandbakken presented the 2016/17 NSA contract contribution. The amount of the 2016-17 request is \$30,000. This number is generated off the March planting intentions and the 5-year yield average.

FY 2017 Budget Presentation:

Kevin Capistran presented the 2017 Operating budget. Check-off assessment is estimated at \$50,000 with an allowance for refunds of \$200 for a net assessment of \$49,800. Interest is estimated at \$15 for a total revenue of \$49,815. Expenses are as follows: NSA contract \$30,000, MN Ag Department administrative fees, insurance/bonds, Miscellaneous, Council Members Expenses and other expenses total \$42,560 for an estimated net income of \$7,255.00.

Motion to accept the budget as presented by Jerry Hasnedl and seconded by Danny Payment. Motion Carries.

Other Business:

John Swanson updated the Council on the AGREET – he stated he would be given an update in June but has not heard anything at this time. They were hoping to start filling positions in July. Kevin asked what the time frame on spending the funds. John indicated they did not put a time on spending these funds.

Next Meeting: Tina presented the idea to have a face to face board meeting in the fall instead of June during Summer Seminar. The Council would like to meet during Big Iron. Tina will check the dates for Big Iron and set the meeting accordingly and notify the Council.

Motion to adjourn by Kevin Capistran and seconded by Jerry Hasnedl. Motion Carries.

Meeting adjourned at 4:02 pm

Chairman: _____

Secretary: _____