

**Minutes**  
**Minnesota Sunflower Council**  
**Tuesday, June 6, 2017 7:30 am**  
**Conference Call**

Members Present: John Swanson, Kevin Capistran, Steven Schmidt and Jerry Hasnedl. Members Absent: Danny Payment.

Others Present: Tina Mittelsteadt and John Sandbakken

The meeting was called to order by John Swanson at 7:28 am.

The minutes of the April 4, 2017 were reviewed. John Swanson had one change under other business. Tina will correct and resend the minutes for signatures. **A motion to approve the minutes with changes was made by Kevin Capistran and seconded by Jerry Hasnedl. Motion passed.**

Tina Mittelsteadt provided the financial report for May, 2017. The Council has collected \$34,557.94 in check-off funds and \$17.59 in interest to date. We have paid out \$40,790.68 in expenses as of May 31, 2017. The MSC has a cash fund balance of \$35,757.54 as of May 31, 2017.

**Jerry Hasnedl made a motion to approve the financial report and it was seconded by Steven Schmidt. Motion passed.**

**Crop Updates:**

John Swanson stated his sunflowers were planted a little later this year and finished up the last part of May. They are coming up nicely. John said sunflower acres will be down in his area for 2017.

Steven Schmidt reported they got a later start planting too. They also finished up the end of May. Sunflower will not see an increase in his area either.

Jerry Hasnedl said sunflowers will be down in his area as well. More corn and soybean are being planted.

Kevin Capistran reported sunflowers went in the ground a later than normal. The new growers from 2016-17 who planted sunflowers stuck with them for 2017-18 but acres will not increase in his area.

**Election Results:**

Ruth White emailed Tina the election results yesterday. For Region 1 – Tom Dowdle received 29 votes and ran unopposed. In Region 2 – Steven Schmidt received 6 votes and ran unopposed. There were no write-in candidates in either region. An official letter will be forthcoming from the MN Department of Agriculture. Tina will notify Tom Dowdle of the results.

John Swanson requested Tina to check with Ruth on possibly changing the election time for sunflowers in hopes of getting more producers to vote. He stated planting and harvest are the worst time for elections. Tina will follow up with Ruth. John will also address this with the Ag Commissioner.

**NSA 2017-18 Contract:**

John Sanbakken presented to the Council the amount requested for the 2017-18 NSA contract. The amount requested is \$22,000 for 2017-18. The calculation is based on the USDA June acre report less projected crop loss and remainder calculated at 60%. All Council members agreed that this is an accurate amount.

**2017-18 Budget:**

Tina Mittelsteadt presented the 2017-18 Budget. Total revenue will be around \$35,815 and expenses about \$33,360. **Motion to accept the budget as presented was made by Jerry Hasnedl and seconded by Kevin Capistran. Motion Carries.**

**Other Business:**

Council asked Tina to put together financial information for MN Ag fee and Audit fee to see what percentage of the budget is spent on these items.

Kevin asked John Swanson if he contacted Febina to get spore traps for Phomopsis out in Kevin's area for collection and determine what pathogen is there. John had visited with Febina and will follow up again.

Next Meeting: September 12<sup>th</sup> 8:00 am at the Expressway Suites in Fargo, ND.

**Motion to adjourn by Steven Schmidt and seconded by Kevin Capistran. Motion Carries.**

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 am.

Chairman: \_\_\_\_\_

Secretary: \_\_\_\_\_