

Minutes
Minnesota Sunflower Council
Tuesday, June 14, 2022 8:00 a.m.
Zoom Meeting

Members Present: John Swanson, Kevin Capistran, Tom Dowdle, and Greg Hilgeman. Members Absent: Steven Schmidt

Others Present: Tina Mittelsteadt, John Sandbakken

The meeting was called to order by John Swanson at 8:00 a.m.

The minutes of the April 5, 2022 were reviewed – **a motion to approve the minutes was made by Kevin Capistran and seconded by Tom Dowdle. Motion passed.**

Tina Mittelsteadt provided the financial report for May 2022. The Council collected \$2,078.99 in check-off funds and \$2.92 in interest. We paid \$725.00 in expenses to the MN Dept. of Ag in May. The MSC has a cash fund balance of \$47,404.18 as of May 31, 2022.

Tom Dowdle made a motion to approve the financial report and it was seconded by Kevin Capistran. Motion passed.

Crop/Acreage Update:

Tom Dowdle reported all the sunflower seed they sold was planted except for two growers. This is for Kittson and Northern Marshall County. Acres should be up a little.

Kevin Capistran stated sunflower acres will be up in his area. He said there are some new growers and growers who haven't grown in years who planted sunflower this year. Sunflowers planted last week Wednesday are up already. Kevin stated there will be plenty of prevent plant in his area.

John Swanson stated he has fielded a lot of sunflower growing questions this year from growers. They have received a lot of rain lately so planting in his area is done.

Greg Hilgeman reported there are a lot of unplanted acres in his area. They had 13 1/2 inches of rain. They continue to plant in his area.

Header Funding:

John Swanson provided an update on the sunflower header for the U of MN Crookston. John stated the cost for the council will be in the \$1,000 - \$2,000 range but hasn't been able to meet with U of MN of Crookston yet. John has visited with the Pathology Department, and they will pick up half the cost. We will do a vote by email once John Swanson is able to meet with them.

NSA Research Committee Members and Expenses:

Tina wanted to make sure the council members know they can submit reimbursement request for mileage and hotel expenses for the NSA Research Forum and NSA Research Committee expenses. NSA will comp the registration fee for council members who wish to attend. John Sandbakken also asked if

Kevin Capistran and John Swanson also want to continue to serve on the NSA Research Committee and both John and Kevin stated they are willing to stay on the committee.

NSA 2022-23 Contract:

John Sandbakken stated he uses the March planting intentions report to calculate the annual contract amount based off a 5-year average yield. The amount for the 2022-23 proposed budget is \$29,000. This represents about 60 percent of what is collected. This contract would continue to include the administrative services, research and promotional programs provided by the National Sunflower Association.

Motion by Kevin Capistran to approve \$29,000 for the NSA contract amount for 2022-23 and seconded by Greg Hilgeman. Motion Carries.

FY 2022-23 Proposed Budget

Tina Mittelsteadt presented the proposed budget for fiscal year 2022-23. Income is budgeted at \$48,050 and expenses are budgeted at \$45,450 for the fiscal year. This is a full audit year, and the cost of the full audit should be about \$6,000, but Haga Kommer is keeping the cost lower due to the number of checks we write. They asked if there is any way to continue with reviews over audits.

Motion by Tom Dowdle to approve the 2022-23 proposed budget as presented and seconded by Kevin Capistran. Motion Carries.

Other Business:

Kevin asked John Sandbakken if anything came from Senator Hoeven to incentivize extended planting dates. John Swanson said the MN Secretary of Agriculture and he was favorable towards it, but nothing happened and now it is too late.

Kevin asked if planting date study could be done in MN to extend planting dates in MN. John Sandbakken said it will be discussed with the SD Oilseed Council for a 2023 proposal for South Dakota. Kevin stated he would like to see one done in MN too. Dates should not be the same in the north as in the south. John asked who a contact would be to oversee a study. Kevin recommended Joel Schaefer with CHS.

John Sandbakken stated when we got the ND planting dates changed, we used the NDAWN data with frost dates (provided 10 years of data) and we were able to move the planting 5 days.

John Swanson reported MN Clean Water did put NDAWN stations in their budget for next year.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, September 13th 8:00 a.m. Expressway Inn – Fargo, ND.

Motion to adjourn by Kevin Capistran and seconded by Greg Hilgeman. Motion Carries.

Meeting adjourned at 9:05 a.m.

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Chairman: John Swanson

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Secretary: Steven Schmidt
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