

**Minutes  
Minnesota Sunflower Council  
Tuesday, March 27, 2023 8:00 am  
Zoom Meeting**

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

Others Present: Tina Mittelsteadt

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

The minutes of the January 10, 2023 were reviewed – **a motion to approve the minutes was made Kevin Capistran and seconded by Greg Hilgeman. Motion passed.**

Tina Mittelsteadt provided the financial report for February 2023. The Council collected \$9,033.889 in check-off funds and \$6.92 in interest. We paid \$1,041.56 in expenses for admin fees with MN Dept. of Ag and \$316.56 for the January 2023 meeting. The MSC has a cash fund balance of \$38,973.19 as of February 28, 2023.

**Kevin Capistran made a motion to approve the financial report and it was seconded by Greg Hilgeman. Motion passed.**

**DC Update:**

Tom Dowdle will provide a report at the May meeting.

**NSA Research Grant Update:**

The research project the Council approved funding towards providing it received funding from NSA was voted down by the NSA board of directors at their February board meeting.

**Header for Crookston Update:**

John Swanson stated they have someone who is willing to make the header for Crookston. It can be done this summer. The cost is unknown at this time. John Swanson was given a price estimate for a new 3-row header at a minimum of \$35,000.

**Crop Reports**

Kevin Capistran indicated new crop bids are low and feels acres will drop for this reason. He reported all specialty crop prices are down, not just sunflowers.

Greg Hilgeman reported it is looking like 1997 in his area with low temperatures and a lot of snow. He stated there is very little frost in the ground and the moisture will sink in if the snow doesn't melt too fast.

**Other Business:**

Election results – both Tom Dowdle and Tom Smude were re-elected for an additional 3-year term.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> 8:00 a.m. via Zoom.

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:55 a.m.

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Secretary: DocuSigned by:  
*Tom Dowdle*  
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