

Minutes
Minnesota Sunflower Council
Thursday, October 17, 2019 8:00 am
Special Meeting Conference Call

Members Present: John Swanson, Kevin Capistran, Jerry Hasnedl, Steven Schmidt and Tom Dowdle.
Members Absent:

Others Present: Tina Mittelsteadt

The meeting was called to order by John Swanson at 7:54 a.m.

Vacant Board Seat:

John lead the group in appointing Jerry Hasnedl's council seat. Jerry visited with Greg Hilgeman, he is a sunflower producer and is willing to serve on the Minnesota Sunflower Council. **Motion to appoint Greg Hilgeman to Jerry Hasnedl's remaining term (6/30/2022) was made by Kevin Capistran and seconded by Tom Dowdle. Motion Carries.**

Tina will follow up with Ruth White at the MN Department of Agriculture on what the next steps are to bring Greg on board.

Prairie Grains Conference:

Tina led the discussion on a topic title and write-up for the Prairie Grains Conference. The group is in favor of the following:

"Marketing Your Sunflowers:

It's time to start planning for next year's crop. As you decide what to plant, it's important to think about marketing options for each crop. When it comes to sunflowers, there are many options to consider. Join us as the processors that utilize your products provide the information that may best suit your farm."

Tina will work with Jody to incorporate the processor and finalize the write-up. Tina will also email the companies that have committed to presenting to find out who the presenters will be and what time slot they prefer. Companies willing to present are ADM, Cargill, CHS, D & D Commodities, Red River Commodities, Scoular and SunOpta.

Next meeting Tuesday, January 7, 2020 at 11:00 a.m. at the Holiday Inn in Fargo – Club II.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 a.m.

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