

**Minutes  
Minnesota Sunflower Council  
Tuesday, September 12, 2017 8:00 am  
Expressway Suites, Fargo, ND  
Board Meeting Room**

Members Present: John Swanson, Kevin Capistran, Tom Dowdle, Steven Schmidt and Jerry Hasnedl.  
Members Absent: None.

Others Present: Tina Mittelsteadt

The meeting was called to order by John Swanson at 8:15 am.

The minutes of the June 6, 2017 were reviewed – **a motion to approve the minutes was made by Jerry Hasnedl and seconded by Steven Schmidt. Motion passed.**

Tina Mittelsteadt provided the financial report for August 2017. The Council collected \$2,303.54 in check-off funds and \$1.79 in interest. We paid \$1,115.00 in expenses. The MSC has a cash fund balance of \$41,574.57 as of August 31, 2017. Mahlum Goodhart is almost finished with the 2016-17 audit. There will be one piece of the audit (MN Department of Ag Research & Promotion Council Audit Compliance Checklist) that cannot be completed until the NSA completes their audit. Suggestion to visit with other councils and see if we can work together to reduce the MN Dept. of Ag annual payment amount. **Tom Dowdle made a motion to approve the financial report and it was seconded by Jerry Hasnedl. Motion passed.**

**Crop Update**

Kevin Capistran reported his area has not seen rain in a while. Sunflowers are looking good in his area and no disease. There are less sunflower acres this year.

Steve Schmidt reported that his area all crops are looking good. Sunflowers look good but recent rains are causing some sunflower disease issues.

Jerry Hasnedl reported there are no sunflower acres in his area. Corn has run out of moisture and is all white.

Tom Dowdle reported his area all crops are looking good. Barley crop was the best in a long time. Wheat will average around 82 per bushel. Tom stated his sunflowers will be the best crop he has ever had. They ran out of sunflower planting seed in his area. Beets are struggling and corn will show a reduction in test weight.

John Swanson stated his area is extremely dry. Corn on dry land is poor but the irrigated acres will do much better. Sunflowers are starting to show phomopsis but treatments are working. John isn't sure what caused the phomopsis since it has been so dry. It is possible that humidity this growing season could have caused it to kick in. John has been working with Febina and Sam to figure out when to apply. John applied Headline and it seems to have worked but the big question is at what stage to apply.

**Election of Officers:**

**Steven Schmidt moved to cast a unanimous ballot for the slate of officers and seconded by Tom Dowdle. Motion Carries.**

**Website:**

Tina asked the board if there were any updates that need to be done for the website. Tina has sent an email asking for several items to be updated. Wendy responded as soon as the students are back in session and trained on our website the updates will be done. She already has a student picked out to be our contact and will be getting us that information soon.

**AGREET Update:**

John Swanson informed the Council there was an AGREET meeting last week. John had asked the commodity groups to sit down together and discuss what they would like to see happen at the University. Production agriculture research is supposed to be the focus at the University using the AGREET funds. They met with the University and discussed their "wish list" and the pathologist position made the top 15 so he feels we will have a good chance to see the position filled in 2019.

Tom and Jerry stated we need to figure out a way to increase sunflower acres. Sclerotinia and Phomopsis need to be controlled to help increase the acres.

**Other Business:**

None

Next Meeting: January 9<sup>th</sup> 6:30 pm dinner meeting at the Delta by Marriott.

**Motion to adjourn by Steven Schmidt and seconded by Jerry Hasnedl. Motion Carries.**

Meeting adjourned at 9:16 am

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