

United Sorghum Checkoff Program
2009 Board of Directors Meeting
Annual Meeting Minutes
December 16, 2009
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Wednesday, December 16, 2009

2009 Board of Directors Meeting Room Salon D

1:00 p.m. Call Meeting to Order – Roll Call – Introductions

Bill Greving

Members Present:

Dale Artho	Greg Shelor
Billy Bob Brown	Troy Skarke
Bill Greving	James Vorderstrasse
Gary Kilgore	Stewart Weaver
Bill Kubecka	
Louise Rigdon	
Earl Roemer	

Members Absent

Jeff Casten
Jerry Van Zee

Guests Present

Tim Lust	Florentino Lopez	Darrell Hannavan
Virgil Smail	Shelee Padgett	John Oppelt
Craig Shackelford	Wayne Cleveland	Bob Avant
Joy Fassauer	Kathy Cornett	Dean Broadhead
Marsha Bryant	Larry Dedic	George Caldwell
Jeff Dahlberg	Jill Goodrich	Alvaro Cordero
Jenna Hightower	Kristin Heinemann	Chris Corry
Sue Ann Claudon	Morgan Newsom	Jim McLaren
Charles Miller	David Thomas	Kiersten Schroeder

1:15 p.m. Review and Approve Minutes

Bill Greving

- August 13-14, 2009 Board Meeting
- September 18, 2009 Board Conference Call

BillyBob Brown made the motion to approve the minutes as presented. James Vorderstrasse seconded. Motion Carried Unanimously.

1:30 p.m. Review and Approve 2009 Audit Report and FY 2010 Financials

Dale Artho

Dale Artho presented the non-qualified audit letter and statement from Bolinger, Segars, Gilbert & Moss, L.L.P. Key elements to be aware of are that: the USDA has been paid in full and the fund balance for 2009 was \$4,725,000.00, resulting in a carryover of \$829,394.00 versus the planned \$500,000.00. There were a few minor changes in fund accounting by the auditors but overall they gave a non-qualified audit with no major issues. Craig Shackelford asked that the USCP send the USDA a letter indicating that the audit has been completed along with the audit.

Gary Kilgore made the motion to accept the Audit as presented. Louise Rigdon seconded. Motion Carried Unanimously.

Dale Artho then presented the FY 2010 financials up to November 30, 2009

Dale Artho

Earle Roemer made the motion to accept the FY 2010 Financials as presented. Billy Bob Brown seconded. Motion Carried Unanimously.

2:00 p.m. Nomination and Election of Officers

Greg Shelor

Greg Shelor reported that the nomination committee had met and nominated the slate of officers as follows:

Bill Greving - Chairman

Bill Kubecka - Vice Chairman

Dale Artho - Treasurer

Jeff Casten - Secretary

Billy Bob Brown made the motion to accept the slate of officers as presented. Gary Kilgore seconded. Motion Carried Unanimously.

Bill Greving thanked the Board for their support and reported that at the completion of the Board meeting he would reappoint the current committee chairs as the new committee chairs.

Referendum & Caucus Guidelines

Craig Shackelford

Craig Shackelford, United States Department of Agriculture (USDA/AMS) discussed the upcoming referendum with clear guidelines of what is allowed in communication to growers. He also discussed the strategy USDA/AMS plans to follow in implementing the upcoming caucus to appoint new board members (4). He suggested that Bob Petersen be hired by USCP to help coordinate the caucus activities with USDA/AMS, as was done during the first caucus.

Bill Kubecka made the motion to hire Bob Petersen to facilitate the Caucus. Louise Rigdon seconded. Motion Carried Unanimously.

James Vorderstrasse made the motion to have the Caucus meeting location in Kansas with the date to be determined later. Gary Kilgore seconded. Motion Carried Unanimously. Craig Shackelford suggested that a poll of the caucus certified state agencies be made to determine the best location and time for the caucus.

2:30 p.m. Review and Approval of Modified Strategic Plan

Bill Greving

The strategic plan suggested changes from the previous day's strategy session were reviewed by the Board and referred back to the staff for final phraseology. These changes will be presented to the Board at the March meeting.

3:00 Break

3:15 p.m. Research Project Review, Discussion and Approval

Earl Roemer, Jeff Dahlberg

Earl Roemer reported the Research Committee met and reviewed the over 40 proposals and were recommending the following resolution for board approval:

The committee recommends adopting the recommendation put forth from the Technical Advisory Committee for funding within the breeding RFP as follows: Fully fund Paterson (\$33,475), Burke (\$32,392), and Miller (\$117,000). Fund Dweikat at \$40,000 with the stipulation that the project be rewritten and approved by the Research Committee to concentrate on objective 1 and include some research on root uptake of nitrogen. Fund Tesso at \$41,500 with the stipulation that the project be rewritten and approved by the Research Committee to evaluate a wider range of commercial hybrids for NUE and cut both supplies and travel.

Total recommended funding is \$264,367.00

Billy Bob Brown made the motion to accept the recommendation as presented by the Research Committee totaling \$264,367.00. Troy Skarke seconded. Motion Carried Unanimously

The committee recommends adopting the recommendation put forth from the Technical Advisory Committee for funding within the Disease & Pest RFP as follows:

Fund Little (\$20,000), Magill (\$27,000), and Elliott (\$28,000).

Total recommended funding is \$75,000.00

Gary Kilgore made the motion to accept the recommendation as presented by the Research Committee totaling \$75,000.00. Bill Kubecka seconded. Motion Carried Unanimously.

The committee recommends adopting the recommendation put forth from the Technical Advisory Committee for funding within the Management RFP as follows:

Fund Ottman (\$24,168), Roozeboom (\$25,000), Mengel (\$20,000), O'Shaughnessy (\$11,000), and Trostle (\$19,705).

Total recommended funding is \$99,873.00

This leaves a reserve of \$127,000.00 that will be moved to the Miscellaneous Research Category of the funds originally approved by the Board. The Committee also recommended that Balota should be funded to start hybrid trials in Virginia and surrounding regions. The Committee will ask Balota to resubmit and will either approve or disapprove a project using funds in the Miscellaneous Research Category up to \$30,000.00.

Bill Kubecka made the motion to accept the recommendation as presented by the Research Committee totaling \$99,873.00, with the addition that the Committee ask Balota to resubmit a request to start hybrid trials in Virginia and the surrounding regions and will either approve or disapprove a project using funds in the Miscellaneous Research Category up to \$30,000.00. Bill Bob Brown seconded. Motion Carried Unanimously.

The committee recommends adopting the recommendation put forth from the Technical Advisory Committee for funding within the BioEnergy RFP as follows:

Increase funding to Han (\$30,000) to add an additional testing site and measurements, Wang-Sugar (\$42,810), Wang-Adhesives (\$31,578), and Foster (40,075).

Total recommended funding is \$144,463.00.

This leaves a reserve of \$55,537.00 that will be moved to the Miscellaneous Research Category originally recommended by the Research Committee.

Earl Roemer abstains from discussion because of his working relationship with Dr. Wang.

Dale Artho asked for a review of sugar stabilization research before implementing the Wang-Sugar contract.

Louise Rigdon made the motion to accept the recommendation as presented by the Research Committee totaling \$144,463.00. Bill Kubecka seconded. Motion Carried Unanimously.

Chair Bill Greving stated that the reserve research not be spent without Board approval.

4:00 p.m. Annual Review of Board, CEO and COO – Closed Session

Bill Kubecka made the motion to go into Executive Session. Louise Rigdon seconded. Motion Carried Unanimously.

Chair Greving closed the meeting to all staff and guests.

5:30 p.m. The meeting was adjourned.