



**ARKANSAS
WHEAT
PROMOTION BOARD**

Minutes

**Arkansas Wheat Promotion Board
Arkansas Corn and Grain Sorghum Producers Building
July 25, 2023**

Members Present:

Kenny Clark
Dusty Hoskyn

Adam Cloninger

Terrance Scott

Guests Present:

Dr. Nathan Slaton, University of Arkansas
Arkansas

Dr. Nathan McKinney, University of

Dr. Jason Kelley, University of Arkansas

Dr. Vic Ford, University of Arkansas

Dr. Terry Spurlock, University of Arkansas

Dr. Ehsan Skakiba, University of Arkansas

Dr. Nick Bateman, University of Arkansas

Mathew Davis, University of Arkansas

Wes Ward, Dept. of Ag

Cynthia Edwards, Dept. of Ag

Staff Present:

Tyler Oxner, Administrator

Vice Chairman Kenny Clark convened the meeting at 10:10 a.m.

Mr. Clark then recognized Mr. Oxner to provide the administrative reports. Mr. Oxner presented the minutes from the previous meeting to the board. Subsequently, a motion to accept the previous meeting minutes was made by Mr. Hoskyn and seconded by Mr. Scott, resulting in the motion's approval.

The board received a comprehensive financial update from Mr. Oxner. Notably, the revenue for the current year exhibited a significant increase, amounting to \$97,965, resulting in an ending balance of \$170,327.39. The board's prudent financial management, coupled with higher wheat acreage and favorable market prices, contributed to the financial stability. Mr. Oxner proceeded to present the conservative projections for the new fiscal year, indicating an expected ending balance of \$189,717.55. All expenses have been settled to date. The financial report was motioned for acceptance by Mr. Scott, seconded by Mr. Hoskyns, and approved.

Dr. Kelley then delivered a report to the board concerning the wheat planting. As per NASS data, wheat acreage has returned to a relatively normal level, with the state average yield estimated at 50 bushels per acre. Increased acreage was influenced by favorable market prices. The current year witnessed one of the largest wheat crops in recent times, and 2024 is anticipated to surpass it. Dr. Kelley also addressed the challenges posed by weeds, particularly rye grass, for wheat farmers.

Additionally, Dr. Kelly presented the outcomes of trials funded by the board. He demonstrated that wheat following corn resulted in a superior stand compared to continuous wheat with



Double crop soybean. Dr. Kelly emphasized that early soybeans yielded the best average yields over the past eight years.

Dr. Ford then invited representatives from the University to present their projects.

The board was informed about three projects, listed below in the table of allocations for the year.

2023/2024 Wheat Allocations		
Dr. Jason Kelley	Wheat Verification Program	\$14,000
Dr. Terry Spurlock	Pest Management using Recommended Wheat Varieties	\$14,906
Dr. Ehsan Shakiba	Evaluating and Developing Wheat Genotypes for Arkansas	\$21,832
Total Allocations to Research		\$50,738

Vice Chairman Kenny Clark invited the board to consider the presented research projects. He motioned to approve the total funding of \$50,738 for the proposed research initiatives. The motion was seconded by Mr. Cloninger and subsequently approved.

During the meeting, the University addressed the matter of royalties, which would be deducted from the total balance. Further discussions on this topic were scheduled for the next Promotion Board meeting.

Representatives from the Department of Agriculture introduced themselves and announced their assumption of administration responsibilities starting from August 1st.

Dr. Ford informed the board that this would be his final funding meeting, as he is retiring.

In conclusion, Vice Chairman Clark called for any additional business, and with none being raised, the board adjourned.

Mr. Cloninger moved to adjourn the meeting, and his motion was seconded by Mr. Evans. The motion was approved, and the meeting concluded at 11:35 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Tim Smith, Chairman