

**2013 NDCIA Annual Meeting
Minutes Taken by Gonzalo Rojas
Research and Ext. Committee Minutes**

The meeting was called to order by Craig Askim

Minutes from last year were read and Aaron Johnson made the motion to accept the minutes seconded by Jay Fisher.

Old Business

Jay Fisher mentioned that the new Extension Director is Chris Boerboom

New Business

Craig Askim mentioned that the NDCISA Board of Directors is looking at the possibility of donating grain bins again to the Res. & Ext. Centers. It will probably be done one or two at the time, or may fund one full grain bin in one REC each year for the next five years. Further discussion will occur during the summer meeting.

Craig also commented that Dr. Joel Ransom mentioned to him that the varietal selection toll will go live in the next few months. Also, Dr. Ransom thanked the Board of Directors for help provided in funding the Best of the Best.

Future Business

Jay Fisher from NCREC thanked the NDCISA for the grain bins idea, and mentioned the bins are in the best interest for the seed producers in the state. He also mentioned that the REC Station Directors will meet in March and they can help in providing information about grain bins location and needs.

A comment was made regarding the Committee Member and their functions. The member list needs to be updated (some are no longer with extension or on the board) and probably a list of functions and responsibilities of each member would be very informative.

Jay Fisher informed the group about the Legislative Session and that Bill 2020 which includes SBARE Initiative regarding Seed conditioning plants will be discussed.

Dave Miller proposed a motion to pass a resolution to support Senate Bill 2020 and SBARE Initiatives with emphasis in seed conditioning plants. Motion was seconded by Erik Eriksmoen. Resolution Carries.

Craig Askim mentioned that the agent training done last year was well received and very informative. He suggested that is something that should be done on a regular basis, probably every other year.

A need for an update in the County Agent Server list is needed. There are many new Agents that are not included in the list. (we need to check with ag. communication on this)

Erik Eriksmoen introduced John Rickertsen, the new Research agronomist at Hettinger REC.

Jay Fisher informed the committee that there is a new bill in the senate that gives permission to look in to the relocation of North Central and Williston REC Stations.

Dave Miller proposed the motion to support the upcoming Senate Bill to look into the relocation of NCREC and WREC providing same amount of land/acres and facilities (within the new location). Motion was seconded by Aaron Johnson. Motion carried.

Aaron Johnson moved to adjourn the committee meeting, motion carried.