

**2017 North Dakota State Crop Improvement Seed Association**  
**Research Extension Center Committee Meeting Minutes**  
(Minutes by Craig Askim)

Ross Lockhart called the NDCISA Research Extension Center Committee meeting to order in the absence of Chairman Luke Anderson.

Ross read the minutes of the 2016 REC Committee meeting. Joel Ransom moved to accept Steve Sebesta second motion carried.

**Old Business**

Ross gave an overview of what the Board talked about in their February 1, 2017 board meeting on upgrading/construction process of cleaning facilities at the REC. \$750,000 was given to both CREC and NCREC in the 2015 legislative session for construction. The NDCISA Board agreed to give \$25,000 dollars to the NCREC based on a verbal proposal presented to the board at the February 1, 2017 meeting and the fundraising and matching funds campaign that the NCREC has put in place. \$25,000 dollars will also be awarded to the CREC when a formal request is presented to the board. Funds to the WREC and the LREC will also be taken under consideration by the board once these Centers develop a plan of how they are going to move forward with their cleaning facilities if funds become available.

Blaine Schatz – CREC director gave a report to the committee on the process that is taking place with the cleaning facilities construction. The construction of a 40 X 75 build was completed in October 2016. Bids for main cleaning equipment have been rewarded and the equipment should be delivered by March 2017. Bids requests for construction for the milling augers, legs etc. will be sent out soon. Blaine stated that this would expense the \$750,000 that the 2015 legislative session granted to them.

Additional expenses will occur such as electrical, etc., and Blaine thought that the \$25,000 dollars that the NDCISA would grant them would be used in this area.

Dr. Joel Ransom talked about the variety selection guides and talked about the new NDSU wheat breeder and the discussion of how to move forward with doing variety trails of wheat across the seven sites in the state. Due to the increase varieties numbers in the trails they are running out of room. Both Joel and the new Wheat breeder are developing a plan to make this more manageable. Joel discussed the plan in that any wheat varieties that makes up 3% or more of the planted acreage based on the acreage report would be kept in the trail, then any variety that has 1% or more of the planted acreage and has shown an increase in planting would be kept in the trail. After this if, there is room private companies could request an additional two to three varieties to put in the trail, if there still would be room private companies could enter more varieties in the trail but would be charged a fee per site.

The committee reflected on this idea and understood the issue but wanted to make sure all varieties would get a fair look because some varieties work better in the Red River Valley then in the Western part of North Dakota. Secondly, the committee was to make sure that NDSU varieties also maintain in the system along with other public varieties from other Universities to make sure relationship are not lost.

Ross asked Joel to keep the NDCISA in the loop of the process and report back to the board at the summer meeting of the process/plan that will take place.

With no other business to discuss, Gonzalo Rojas moved to adjourn the committee meeting, Steve Sebesta second motion carried.