

2019 Crop Improvement

February 7, 2019

Research and Extension Committee Meeting

Chairman Troy Coons called the meeting to order.

The Minutes were read, Craig Askim made a motion to accept the minutes as read, Ross Lockhart seconded, motion carried.

There was discussion on the seed cleaning plant projects

- Williston is looking for funding for a new conditioning plant
- North Dakota Soybean Council funded Carrington and Minot \$25,000 each
- Williston has asked ND Soybean Council for \$25,000
- Carrington is short approximately \$200,000 to finish the project
 - The color sorter is not completed
- Carrington has been cleaning steady since October and expect to finish in March
- Minot is \$500,000 short to finish, because of site prep issues (water logged soils)

There was discussion on the purchase of a NIR machine at Minot REC

- ND Soybean Council donated \$15,000
- The details of the status is unsure

There was discussion on donations to the oil seed program

- Crop Improvement made 2 donations to the flax program
- Working on heat tolerance in flax

Rich Horsley made an update on funding

- Budget cuts are looming for extension and research
- Operating cannot be changed much
- Likely support staff cuts
- There is a bill for funding the Harris Hall and Dunbar Hall replacement

Jim Grey of ND Soybean Council commented that have contributed a significant amount of money to soybean breeding, and that they would like to see varieties released that are successful.

There was discussion on future releases

- Spring wheat
- Brown Flax
- Forage Rye
- Winter Wheat

- Chick Pea
- Yellow Pea

The new pulse breeder Nonoy Bandillo introduced himself, and gave a brief explanation of his experience

Rich Horsley commented on some of the things they are working on.

- Organic
- Cover Crops
- Heritage Varieties

Ross Lockhart made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Craig Askim. Motion Carried