Minutes Minnesota Sunflower Council Tuesday, January 10, 2017 6:30 pm Ramada Plaza Suites, Fargo, ND Signature I

Members Present: John Swanson, Kevin Capistran and Jerry Hasnedl. Members Absent: Steven Schmidt and Danny Payment.

Others Present: Tina Mittelsteadt and John Sandbakken

The meeting was called to order by John Swanson at 6:40 pm.

The minutes of the September 28, 2016 were reviewed. Tina will make the correction to Steven Schmidt's name in the Members Present – a motion to approve the minutes with correction was made by Jerry Hasnedl and seconded by Kevin Capistran. Motion passed.

Tina Mittelsteadt provided the financial report for December, 2016. The Council collected \$4,538.88 in check-off funds and \$2.08 in interest. We paid out zero dollars in expenses. The MSC has a cash fund balance of \$53,321.40 as of December 31, 2016.

Kevin Capistran made a motion to approve the financial report and it was seconded by Jerry Hasnedl. Motion passed.

Candidates for Council Member - Region 1

Danny Payment has decided not to run for re-election. Tina contacted Tom Dowdle after he was recommended to the Council by one of the processing plants. Tom indicated he was willing to run for election in Region 1. Tina emailed him the candidate information forms to complete. Tom has completed and returned the forms. Tina will submit the forms along with the Minnesota sunflower growers to the MN Department of Agriculture for ballot processing. The information is due by March to the MN Department of Ag.

Steven Schmidt's term is up for re-election in Region 2. Steven has agreed to run for re-election. Tina emailed Steven the candidate form October 7, 2016 to complete and resent them again today as she had not received them back. Tina will also follow up with a phone call to Steven.

Other Business:

Website:

Tina had the board member information updated and is wondering if there are additional items that need updating on the MN Sunflower Council website. If anyone has anything, please let Tina know and she will have the student who is assigned to our account do the updating.

AGREET:

John Swanson stated there will be an AGREET meeting some time in March. We will continue to push for the pathologist position.

Crop Issues:

Phomopsis was a problem in both John and Kevin's areas. It was in both oils and confections. Jerry stated his area had very little Phomopsis but had dark roast.

Next Meeting: April 4th 7:30 am via conference call.

Motion to adjourn by Kevin Capistran and seconded by Jerry Hasnedl. Motion Carries.

Meeting adjourned at 7:10 pm.

Chairnarhoun Swanson

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SecretarySteven Schnidt