



Minutes Virtual Annual Meeting January 19, 2021

Tara Pirak, President of the Board of Directors, called the meeting to order at 3:00 PM and welcomed everyone to the 2021 Annual Meeting of the Membership of the South Dakota Agri-Business Association (SDABA).

Presentation were provided as follows:

- Hunter Roberts, Secretary of SD Department of Environmental and Natural Resources (DENR) joined via video conference and provided an update on the proposed merger of DENR and the SD Department of Ag (SDDA).
- Hunter Carpenter, Director of Public Policy with the Ag Retailers Association, joined via video conference and provided an update on what agriculture can expect under the new administration.

The minutes of the Annual Meeting held January 15, 2020 were reviewed. Todd Oster moved that the minutes be approved, as printed in the *2021 Annual Meeting Report* on pages four and five. Brad Nemmers seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Tara Pirak asked the membership to review the 2020 Financial Report and the 2019 Audit Report on pages twelve to fifteen of the *2021 Annual Meeting Report*. She also gave an overview of the Associations income and investments for the year.

Djamel Khali moved that the 2020 Financial Report and 2019 Audit Report be adopted. Chris Redfield seconded the motion and the motion carried.

The election of Industry Directors followed, one position for the distributor member and one at-large seat. Tara Pirak announced that Grant Harms has agreed to run again, and opened the floor for other nominations. Chris Redfield moved to cease nominations and cast a unanimous vote for Grant Harms for a second three-year term for the at-large seat. The motion was seconded by Matt Ellens and the motion carried, electing Grant Harms for the at-large seat for second three-year term.

Tara Pirak announced that Matt Paulsen was running for re-election for the distributors seat on the board. The floor was opened for additional nominations. Matt Ellens moved to cease nominations and cast a unanimous vote for Matt Paulsen for a second three-year term for the distributor seat. The motion was seconded by Djamel Khali and the motion carried, electing Matt Paulsen for the distributor seat for second three-year term.

Tara Pirak introduced the members of the SDABA Board of Directors to the membership.

The Policy Positions for 2021 were reviewed and Djamel Khali moved for approval. The motion was seconded by Chris Redfield and the motion carried.

Tara Pirak and Kathy Zander presented information on the proposed merger of SDGFA and SDABA.

Kathy Zander presented an association and legislative update.

Tara Pirak asked for a motion to adjourn the 2021 Annual Meeting at 4:22 PM. Chris Redfield moved to adjourn the meeting and Matt Ellens seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Submitted by:

Kathleen M. Zander, Executive Director