

SOUTH CAROLINA CORN BOARD

Minutes

Monday, December 16, 2024

Santee Conference Center

Santee, SC

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

- John Long, Chairman
- Landrum Weathers, Vice Chair
- Bo Norris
- Jimmy Taylor
- Marion DuBose
- Mac Eaddy
- Dean Hutto

OTHER ATTENDEES

- Fitzhugh Bethea, SCSB Chairman
- Dwight Cauthen, SCFB
- Jonathan Croft, SCCSA
- Mary C. Cromley, Exec. Director
- Cecil Eaddy, SCSB Member
- Woody Green, SCCSA Board
- Mike Grier, SCSB
- Jena Hanna, SCCSA Board
- Sadie Knight, NCGA
- Abby Meier, NCGA
- Rachael Sharp, SCSB Secretary/Treasurer
- David Simmons, SCCSA
- Sam Quinney, SCDA
- Charlie Whiten, SCSB Board

- I. Call to Order – Chairman Long called the meeting to order at approximately 4:37pm.
- II. Roll Call – Chairman Long asked Miss Cromley to call roll; all Board members were present and accounted for.
- III. Approval of Minutes – Chairman Long briefly reviewed the minutes from the October 16, 2024, meeting. ***A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes as presented. All in favor. Motion carried.***

Chairman Long briefly reviewed the minutes from the November 7, 2024, meeting. ***A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes as presented. All in favor. Motion carried.***

- IV. Chairman's Report – Chairman Long mentioned that the Board had an important issue at hand that would be discussed in Executive Session.
- V. Treasurer's Report – Miss Cromley reported that the South Carolina Corn Board had collected approximately \$108,000 in the first quarter of fiscal year 2025. Miss Cromley noted that one refund request had been received. Miss Cromley also stated that several first purchasers had not yet remitted, but that they would be notified.

- VI. Election of Secretary-Treasurer. ***A motion was made and seconded that Bo Norris be elected to serve as Secretary-Treasurer. All were in favor. Motion carried.***
- VII. ***A motion was made and seconded for the Board to enter into Executive Session to discuss contracts related to research proposals and matters of employment. Members of the South Carolina Soybean Board and South Carolina Corn and Soybean Association were asked to stay in Executive Session. All were in favor. Motion carried.***

Executive Session

Once reentering open session, there was a motion made and seconded that the Board work with the South Carolina Corn and Soybean Association to ask for an opinion from the Attorney General regarding the recent actions of the Agriculture Commission of South Carolina. All were in favor. Motion carried.

VIII. New Business

Research Proposal Review: Board reviewed the potential budget impact of the research proposals that had been received. Miss Cromley explained to the Board that research is paid on a quarterly basis and that all of the funds allocated to research would not be dispersed immediately. There was further discussion around the budget. Miss Cromley presented some different budget scenarios based on projected expenses. The Board agreed to review and pass a formal budget at the February meeting to have a better idea of total income received.

The Board discussed the proposals received from Clemson extensively. ***A motion was made and seconded to approve a slate to fund \$106,160 in research for the 2025 calendar year. All were in favor. Motion carried.***

A motion was made and seconded to add the review of the partial refund form to the agenda. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Miss Cromley explained that the proposed form would allow producers to request a “partial refund” directed the South Carolina Corn and Soybean Association to pay a producer’s dues to be a member of the association. She further explained that Marketing Order #14 for South Carolina corn contains a provision allowing for this partial refund, but the form needed to be approved by the Board. ***A motion was made and seconded to approve the Partial Refund Form as presented. All were in favor. Motion carried.***

Travel and Sponsorship Requests

- i. NCGA State Presidents Meeting
- ii. Commodity Classic
- iii. SCFB YF&R

In addition to the travel and sponsorship requests, Miss Cromley presented limited promotional items for purchase to the Board: gallon sized pitchers, to be cobranded with the SCSB, at approximately \$3,500; yard signs for research projects, at approximately \$1,000.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the travel, sponsorship requests, and promotional items as presented for Miss Cromley and board members. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Vice Chair Landrum Weathers asked that moving forward, travel and sponsorship requests be segregated. Vice Chair Weathers also asked if Miss Cromley needed to purchase additional promotional items for sponsored events. After discussion, ***a motion was made and seconded to allow Miss Cromley to purchase \$2,500 of promotional items at her discretion. All were in favor. Motion carried.***

Next Meeting Date: The next meeting of the Board will take place on Wednesday, February 5, 2025, at a time to be determined. Lunch will be provided.

IX. Adjourn.

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting. All were in favor. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 6:17pm.

Minutes submitted by Mary Catherine Cromley, Assistant Secretary Treasurer of the South Carolina Corn Board.

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the approved minutes of the South Carolina Soybean Board Meeting on December 16, 2024.

John Long, Chairman

Date