

## WCIA Meeting minutes 2-7-2025

### Legislative report

- Irrigation districts need to bring bids up to current times
- Repeal tax on services such as mechanics
- HB 132 annual permit on commercial loads \$200, currently \$50 for 3 months
- Permanent vehicle registration
- State lease crop land and range land, no hunting except leasee
- State trust lands, improvements to be taxable

Peter S. moved to approve minutes, Bill G. made the second, motion passed

Morgan discussed a financial review committee and said currently the lobbyist cost is \$9600/year.

Morgan announced Brian Asher for the Excellence in Service award.

Morgan let the group know about the Board of Directors report. There were 7 scholarship recipients, the budget, and a donation to the FFA.

### District meeting reports:

The agenda was the same at both meetings, seed certification said length of stands, and coming into compliance with AOSCA were the main things they were focused on. There was a \$100 dues proposal, recap of the officer elections. Tim Anderson said this would be his last term.

There was no action out of the committee meetings. Morgan spoke about the constitution committee.

Mike R. moved to adopt \$100 dues for WCIA, Tim D. made the second. Anthony S. said it would need to be a mail in ballot for constitutional changes. Mike R. called for a question, the motion passed unanimously. Mike then withdrew the original motion. Mike R. then made a motion that the constitution the dues be set annually by the membership with a 2/3 vote, Lee C. made the second. Mike F. stated it would be good to address new business at the annual meeting. Peter S. made the same motion as Mike R, with a majority vote for dues, Lee C. second and the motion passed unanimously.

Morgan presented a bullet point of the MOU with UW. Dave J. moved to go forward with the MOU, Peter S. made the second the motion passed.

Kelly Crane gave the UW update. UW values WCIA and thinks the MOU is a good fit for the two organizations. UW has some issues administratively but is committed to the community and the seed industry. Eric webster is retiring in August. Andrew Koniss gave the Plant Science update, announced Jim Heigholt was retiring and introduced the new plant pathologist Jean.

WDA report by Dale Heggem. Introduced Wes Brown, Kim Dullivan as new pesticide hires. Cheat grass as a noxious weed was coming to a vote by the Board of Ag. Dale said the endangered species act was coming into play on chemical drifts and runoff issues. He was working to see how they can get palmer amaranth seed out of bird seed.