

**SUMMARY OF THE CEREALS & OILSEEDS BOARD MEETING  
HELD ON THURSDAY 22<sup>nd</sup> OCTOBER AT 10.00 A.M.**

**TEAMS MEETING ONLINE**

**PRESENT:**

Paul Temple (Chairman) (PT), David Bell (DB), Tony Bell (TB), Clare Bend (CB),  
Iain Davies (ID), Howard Leland (HL), James Standen (JS), Patrick Stephenson (PS),  
David Walston (DW), Mark Wood (MW),

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

Martin Grantley-Smith (MGS), Dhan Bhandari (DB), Derek Carless (DC), David Eudall (DE),  
Jon Foot (JF), Paul Gosling (PG), Tess Howe (TH), Haroon Jabar (HJ), Will Jackson (WJ),  
Richard Meredith (RM), Caroline Burniston (notes) (CB1)

**CHAIR WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS**

PT welcomed the Board members to the meeting and gave an overview of the agenda.

**APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Russ McKenzie and Jane Biss confirmed as apologies

**DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

David Bell confirmed he had joined the SRUC Board.

**MINUTES FROM THE BOARD MEETING HELD ON 25<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2020**

The Board agreed the minutes from the previous meeting held on the 20<sup>th</sup> June 2020 as a true record and were signed off by the Chairman.

**MATTERS ARISING AND ACTION POINTS FROM THE BOARD MEETING HELD ON 25<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2020**

Key points as follows :-

MGS/CB1 confirmed (8.1/20) would be arranged as soon as finance resource was available.

OSR strategy paper (12.5/20) with the industry for review and feedback.

**CHAIRMANS REPORT**

PT shared his thoughts around how Covid is affecting people in the way they work and relax along with highlighting that Brexit will be key for the industry over the next 10 days. PT confirmed good attendance figures in relation to online events which will change the way we work and deliver in the future.



Defra consultations on gene editing to be released imminently, with a 10-fold increase in gene editing crops in the US.

PT shared Jane King's announcement to leave the organisation in September 2021 along with updating the Board on the workings of the ballot currently affecting AHDB.

### **SECTOR DIRECTORS REPORT**

MGS referred to his report and requested any questions in relation to the report from the Board. Enquiries around Defra projects/initiatives that AHDB can join were debated to accelerate adoption. Members requested simplifying the AHDB webinar registration process so that a delegate does not have to repeatedly input personal data into the system.

### **ENVIRONMENT PLANS**

JF presented the developing strategy for future AHDB activity on environmental issues. These include carbon sequestration, the choice of carbon footprint calculator for baseline measurements and Enviro-bench, which were all discussed.

### **INSTITUTE OF AGRICULTURE AND HORTICULTURE UPDATE**

TH delivered a presentation on the background and future role of TIAH (The Institute of Agriculture and Horticulture). PT confirmed huge progress had been made in this area. MW gave credit to the team in the pushing forward of this area of work in challenging circumstances.

### **THE UK BALANCE SHEET – ANOMOLIES IN DEFRA DATA**

DE clarified how the Balance Sheet works, referring to the Defra statistics team and how they produce numbers and the timelines associated, with the intention of providing a clearer balance sheet going forward. He informed members that AHDB continued to have concerns about the quality of some of the Defra data, and that AHDB always puts caveats around the MI outputs to ensure that the industry realised the limitations of some elements of the Balance Sheet. The industry is fully aware of the issues and accepts that there is very little AHDB can do regarding Defra sourced data but remains in continued discussion with them. The CODAP scheme, if adopted, presents an opportunity to improve the quality of some of the data going into the Balance Sheet.

### **SECTOR PLANS**

MGS gave the Board an overview of the planned strategy from 2021-26 and introduced CODAP (Cereals & Oilseeds Data and Passport scheme)

### **WINTER REVISED PLANS**

RM gave a detailed update on this topic. DB requested input into AHDB's Smart Arable Scotland programme

### **AOB**

MGS confirmed the sector strategy document would be circulated in a matter of weeks and feedback would be requested from levy payers.

