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### **United Sorghum Checkoff Program Holds First Meeting in Washington, D.C.**

The United Sorghum Checkoff Program (USCP) Board of Directors met for the first time this week in Washington, D.C. The Board accomplished many tasks that will allow the checkoff program to efficiently move forward.

The Board was sworn in by Secretary of Agriculture Ed Schafer on Tuesday morning and immediately began their meeting, including orientation by USDA's Agriculture Marketing Service and election of officers.

"We had a very productive meeting this week at USDA's headquarters and were able to make important decisions that will allow this checkoff program to accomplish its mission of improving profitability for sorghum producers," said newly-elected President of the Board, Bill Greving, of Prairie View, Kansas. "I am honored to have been elected President of this Board and look forward to serving sorghum producers nationwide in this critical transition time for the sorghum industry."

Other officers include Vice President, Bill Kubecka of Palacios, Texas; Secretary, Jeff Casten of Quenemo, Kansas; and Treasurer, Dale Artho of Wilderado, Texas.

Besides electing officers, the Board also officially named the program the United Sorghum Checkoff Program. They approved a Request for Proposal process that will enable sorghum research projects to get underway this winter and deliver new technology to sorghum growers' fields as quickly as possible. The Board also approved bylaws and an initial budget.

Other members of the USCP Board include Gary Kilgore of Chanute, Kansas; Earl Roemer of Healy, Kansas; Greg Shelor of Minneola, Kansas; Billy Bob Brown of Panhandle, Texas; James Vorderstrasse of Hebron, Nebraska; Troy Skarke of Claude, Texas; Louise Rigdon of Blackwell, Oklahoma; Stewart Weaver of Edmonson, Arkansas; and Jerry Van Zee of Platte, South Dakota.

The United Sorghum Checkoff Program commits to invest sorghum checkoff dollars efficiently to increase profitability for sorghum through research, promotion and information.