1. **Issue:** NDSU AG seeks authorization to proceed with acquiring seed cleaning equipment that will be part of the **new seed cleaning facility at the NREC**. The equipment must be manufactured and subsequently takes significant time to deliver. To keep pace with fundraising and be prepared for construction, NDSU AG wishes authorization to proceed with ordering equipment.

2. **Proposed motion:** Authorize, to the extent permitted by NDCC 4-05.1-19.6, NDSU to proceed with the procurement of seed cleaning equipment for a facility to be built at the North Central REC in Minot, ND, for a cost of $750,000 (General funds). Total project authorization is $750,000 General Fund and $1,500,000 Other Funds.

3. **Background:** Seed cleaning and sale is a significant part of NREC operations. Current facilities are obsolete and marginalize the process. NDSU AG has requested and received $750K in general fund appropriations, which will be used to purchase the equipment, with authorization to raise $1.5M in other funds to complete construction of the facility.

4. **Financial implications:** Overall financial impact to the NREC will be positive as seed cleaning operations improve and continue to provide a high-quality seed product to local producers.

5. **Academic implications:** None

6. **Legal/policy issues:** None

7. **Review Process:** Reviewed by Tonder

8. **Enclosures:** Agenda item.

9. **Contact person:** Bruce Bollinger, VP Finance & Administration

10. **Chancellor’s Recommendation:** The Chancellor recommends approval.