

## Montana Pulse Advisory Committee

December 10, 2015

Heritage Inn, Great Falls, Montana

Chairman Kim Murray called the meeting to order at 8:03 a.m.

**Public Comment** – Public Comment was called for and there was none.

**Introductions** – Those in attendance introduced themselves; those in attendance were:

Kim Murray	Chair
Grant Zerbe	Vice Chair
Dustin Kreger	Committee member
Jon Stoner	Committee member
Chad Doheny	Committee member
Ryan Bogar	Committee member
Ron de Yong	Director Montana Department of Agriculture
Christy Clark	Montana Department of Agriculture
Cid Sivils	Montana Department of Agriculture
Cort Jensen	Montana Department of Agriculture
Treston Vermandel	Montana Department of Agriculture
Angie Nelson	Montana Department of Agriculture
Steph Hystad	Montana Department of Agriculture
Jana Mertens	Montana Department of Agriculture
Lorri Brennehan	Montana Department of Agriculture
Delores Rohrer	Northern Pulse Growers Association
Chris Westergard	Northern Pulse Growers Association
Steve Miner	Northern Pulse Growers Association
Tim McGreevy	USA Dry Pea and Lentil Council
Marvin Tarum	Producer
Pat Smith	USA Dry Pea and Lentil Council
Eric Sommer	USDA / NASS
Jessica Rupp	Montana State University
Leonard Schock	Producer
Jeff Rumney	Montana State Grain Lab
Jerry Schillinger	Producer
Chengci Chen	Eastern Ag Research Center
Audrey Kalil	North Dakota State University
Beau Anderson	Northern Pulse Growers Association
AnaStasia Orkwiszewkis	University of Montana
Joe Bloms	Columbia Grain
Prashant Jha	Southern Ag Research Center
Sarah White	USA Dry Pea and Lentil Council
Kim Falcon	Montana Department of Agriculture
Ben Tiller	Montana Department of Agriculture

**Minutes** – Minutes from the September 25, 2015 conference call were reviewed. Jerry Schillinger a producer and board member of NPGA questioned the process mentioned in the minutes about the audit of NPGA. After discussion the committee revised the minutes to more accurately reflect the direction in regards to the review. Dustin Kreger moved to approve the minutes as amended. Ryan Bogar seconded the motion. The motion passed.

**Financial Report** – Cid Sivils reviewed the financials with the committee. Jerry Schillinger had a question about the percentage of the budget that was for ADD Administrative at 5% and the indirect CSD at 3%. Cid Sivils explained the administrative fees were for work done to further the work of the committee and that none of the state general funds are used for the work of the Pulse Advisory committee. Additional questions were called for, there were none. Jon Stoner moved to approve the financial report. Chad Doheny seconded the motion. Motion passed.

**New Business** – Jon Stoner and Kim Murray reported on their trip to the International Year of Pulses launch in New York, NY. Kim Murray stated that this could be the biggest thing agriculture could take on. The most exciting thing is what is happening with ingredients. Jon Stoner said the international cooperation has everyone excited.

Tim McGreevy from USA Dry Pea & Lentil Council handed out a media training package that he put together to the committee members. There will be more training later.

The current Northern Pulse Growers FY16 grant proposal was discussed. The percent of salaries was questioned and recommended to be adjusted to 28% for this year's contract only. Beau Anderson from the Northern Pulse Growers Association addressed the group saying that 50% of the members of the NPGA are from Montana. The NPGA was not involved in any wrong doing, the problem with the financials was a category problem. Cort Jensen assured Beau that there was no allegation of wrong doing.

Christy Clark stated that she does not know the history and that the history is wasted on her. She would like to begin from here and continue forward. Ron de Yong stated that we all have the same goals just a few growing pains. He is being cautious and used the Weed department's loss of revenue through the 2013 legislature as an example.

Grant Zerbe moved to accept the Northern Pulse Growers Association 2015 grant request for \$125,000. Jon Stoner seconded the motion. The motion passed.

**Grant Proposal Presentations** – Presentations were given by:

Lorri Brenneman	Larry Bonderud
Jeff Rumney	Kathleen Hadley
Jessica Rupp	Tim McGreevy
Chengci Chen	Trevor Lowell represented by AnaStasia Orkwiszewski
Audrey Kalil	Eric Sommer
Beau Anderson	Prashant Jha

**New Business** – Four grant proposals were reviewed:

Jon Stoner moved to keep public comment open and postpone giving of grant money. Kim Murray amended the motion asking for discussion of the proposals from Eric Sommer, Lorri Brenneman, Jeff Rumney and Larry Bonderud. Dustin Kreger seconded the motion. The motion passed as amended.

Jon Stoner moved to fund **Lorri Brenneman** for the full amount of \$20,000 Chad Doheny seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Chad Doheny moved to fund the proposal for the **State Grain Lab** for two vans at \$64,000. Dustin Kreger seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Jon Stoner moved to fund the business plan for the **City of Shelby** brought by Larry Bonderud. Discussion followed. There was no second so the motion failed.

Chad Doheny moved to fund the **County estimates** brought by Eric Sommer at \$12,000. Dustin Kreger seconded the motion. The motion passed. The question was asked about how the information was gathered; Eric explained that they use the mail, phone and internet. They also check with industry and compare their information with other organizations to have a defensible number.

Jon Stoner moved to fund **NASS for the Statistics Bulletin** at \$3,000. Chad Doheny seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Jon Stoner moved to grant money for the pressure cooker for University of Montana dining. Dustin Kreger seconded the motion. Discussion followed and the decision for this funding was tabled until the next meeting.

Due to time restraints these items were taken off the agenda: Current rail issues, India Trade Barriers, the Department of Agriculture Update and decisions on some of the grant requests.

Continuing with discussion of grants, the process for research grants was begun. There is a research committee through USA Dry Pea & Lentil Council and the committee would like to look into the possibility of moving any research proposals to that committee for review and management. USADPLC collaborates with other states and would have a broader understanding of the research being conducted. Public comment was asked for on this issue and there was none.

Continuing the discussion Marvin Tarum commented that he would like to see USADPLC and NPGA have one committee for research. The process needs to be decided and USADPLC's research committee invites everyone to attend and has a list of rankings of the reviews.

Approval of travel included an educational trip to Washington, DC, February 8-12, 2016, which is paid for by the US Council. Ryan Bogar said he would consider participating in this trip Dustin Kreger agreed to be the alternate. Jon Stoner moved to approve this travel. Chad Doheny seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Grant Zerbe moved to have Blake Rasmussen attend the West Coast Launch of 2016 Year of the Pulse in Napa, California, January 25-27, 2016. Also to have Chad Doheny be the alternate. Jon Stoner seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Additional travel voted on includes the US Council April 5-6, 2016 Jon Stoner moved to attend. Dustin Kreger seconded. Motion passed. Summer USADPLC meeting in June 2016 in Coeur d' Alene, Idaho. Jon Stoner moved to attend. Chad Doheny seconded. Motion passed. November USADPL meeting in Spokane. Dustin Kreger moved to attend. Ryan Bogar seconded the motion. Motion passed. The committee watched the 30 second commercial that was funded for the Department of Agriculture. The logo that was used was questioned as having a copyright. Marty Earnheart agreed to check into it further. Ben Tiller said he had researched it and that it was allowed.

**Election of Officers** – Jon Stoner moved to elect the current chair Kim Murray and the current vice chair Grant Zerbe. Chad Doheny seconded the motion. The motion passed with one decent.

**Other Business** – Review of assessment was presented by Cid Sivils. The 2% assessment total between Montana and North Dakota resulted in an increase of refund requests.

Pulse Day was discussed with Marvin Tarum saying that the dates would be best connected with the annual Grain Growers Convention, because of travel restraints. Pulse Day is to serve pulse growers and to support Northern Pulse Growers Association in their membership drive. Grant Zerbe moved to allow Northern Pulse Growers Association to host Pulse Days in 2016. Dustin Kreger seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Cid Sivils led the discussion of budget for FY 2017. The proposed budget is attached.

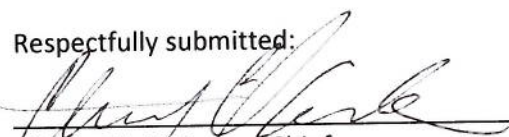
The next meeting was set to discuss the remaining grant proposals at 9am MDT on January 20, 2016 (Later changed to January 19, 2016 at 1:00 p.m. MDT).

**Public Comment** – Grant Zerbe noted that the Pulse industry has much strength and is moving forward in Montana. Tim McGreevy asked the committee to decide if they want him to travel Montana and do grower meetings and polls about raising the assessment to 2% for three years. Is the committee willing to go ahead? Kim Murray stated that we need to put the issue in front of the growers. Jerry Schillinger said that the increase in production would increase the dollars to the assessment. Marvin Tarum stated that the Montana assessment is low compared to others. The rule making procedure would take 60-90 days to complete and would put the timing of gathering the assessment dollars long after 2016, the Year of Pulses.

Jon Stoner moved to have MPAC sponsor grower meetings and have an advisory poll regarding assessment increase to 2% for 3 years, administered by USA Dry Pea and Lentil Council. Chad Doheny seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Chad Doheny moved to adjourn the meeting at 2:20 pm. Grant Zerbe seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted:

  
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Christy Clark, Bureau Chief  
Montana Department of Agriculture

1/22/16  
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Approved:

  
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Kim Murray, Chairman  
Montana Pulse Advisory Committee

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Ron de Yong, Director

1-15-2016  
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