

Montana Pulse Advisory Committee

November 28, 2016

Heritage Inn, Great Falls, Montana

Chairman Kim Murray called the meeting to order at 9:08 a.m.

Public Comment – Public Comment was called for and none was given.

Introductions – Those in attendance introduced themselves;

Members in attendance:

Kim Murray, Chair, Froid
Grant Zerbe, Vice Chair, Frazier
Ryan Bogar, Vida
Chad Doheny, Dutton
Jon Stoner, Havre
Roger Sammons, Cut Bank

Staff in attendance:

Ron de Yong, Director, Department of Agriculture
Christy Clark, Bureau Chief, Rural Development and Marketing, Department of Agriculture
Zach Coccoli, Staff Attorney, Department of Agriculture
Treston Vermandel, Marketing Officer, Department of Agriculture
Cid Sivils, Accountant, Department of Agriculture
Jana Mertens, Technician, Department of Agriculture

Guests in attendance:

Scott McIntosh, Great Falls
Brian Gion, Northern Pulse Growers, Bismarck, ND
Charlie Cahill, Scobey
Steve Miner, Richland
Marvin Tarum, Fort Peck
Todd Scholz, USADPLC, Moscow, ID
Tyler Streit, Chester
Jill Streit, Chester
Prashant Jha, Huntley
Nathan Merrill, Big Sandy
Jerry Schillinger, Northern Pulse Growers, Circle
Tim McGreevy, USADPLC, Moscow, ID
Blake Rasmussen, Antelope

Eric Sommer, NASS, Helena
Bright Agindotan, Bozeman
Shannon Berndt, Northern Pulse Growers, Bismarck, ND

Minutes – Minutes from the June 6, 2016 Teleconference were presented. Jon Stoner moved to accept the minutes as presented, Roger Sammons seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Financial Report – Cid Sivils reviewed the financials. Total available funds are projected to be 2.2 million. Cid Sivils explained the encumbered funds and the process for expenditure of those funds. Ron deYong remarked about the Rail Rate Checker software and that the cost is currently split with the Wheat and Barley committee and that the Rail Service Competition Council may be asked to be a part of this expense split.

Jerry Schillinger asked about the 3% CSD charge. Christy Clark explained that this charge is consistent with all commodity committees. The 5% allocation for ADD administrative costs was explained by Ron deYong, that the travel budget was approved by the committee and that the Wheat and Barley Committee was the model also paying 5%. Charlie Cahill expressed appreciation for the way the funds were managed. Kim Murray said that the top priority was to make sure the money is spent well and not wasted. Kim Murray expressed a concern about having an attorney on staff. Christy Clark explained the value of having an attorney draft the contracts and that the attorney is not full time on Pulse projects. Jon Stoner moved to accept the financials as presented. Roger Sammons seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Research Reports were available from the USADPLC projects and a report from University of Montana on the pressure cooker grant from 2015.

Pulse Day on November 29, 2016 was announced and that MPAC has a booth and a presentation panel.

Kim Murray acknowledged that Jerry Schillinger and Charlie Cahill were interviewed on Voices of Montana and represented the industry well.

Break

Grant Proposals – Presentations were made by:
Frankie Crutcher – MSU Eastern Ag Research Station
Scott Blain – Pulses of Montana

Janelle Booth - REAL
Greg Stordahl – Montana State Grain Lab
Prashant Jha – Southern Ag Research Center
Chengci Chen – Eastern Ag Research Center
Jessica Rupp – Montana State University

Break and Lunch

Proposal presentations continued with:

Tim McGreevy – USA Dry Pea and Lentil Council

Kevin McPhee – Montana State University

Kevin Wanner – Montana State University

Maryse Bourgault – Montana State University

Eric Sommer - NASS

Perry Miller – Montana State University

Bright Agindotan – Regional Pulse Crop Diagnostic Laboratory

After a group discussion the consensus was that in 2017 MPAC will meet after the research committee for USADPLC has met and prioritized the proposals. MPAC will review USADPLC's proposal priority list and decide how many of Montana's checkoff dollars to allot to USADPLC for research. Since the other three states will have already committed a portion of their checkoff dollars to USADPLC research, Montana's contribution will determine the final amount contributed as well as define where the cut-off line is drawn in USADPLC's research priority list. MPAC will then consider any Montana applications that did not make the cut on USADPLC's list and, if they are selected, contract researchers and fund them directly. The goal is to make MPAC grant contracts available to researchers within 30 days; USADPLC promised to match this timeline for Montana grants receiving funding from USADPLC.

Tim McGreevy said that the USADPLC research review will take place on February 14, 2016 and all Pulse researchers have been invited. He encouraged all researchers to collaborate no matter which state they are in.

Break

Roger Sammons moved to make decisions on research proposals after the USADPLC research committee review on February 14, 2016. Chad Doheny seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Grant Zerbe moved to fund these projects:

Resource Education and Ag Leadership (REAL) at \$5,000

Montana State Grain Lab at \$26,000 for equipment, supplies & data processing.

Pulse Crop Breeding program MSU at \$125,000

Ag Stats Bulletin NASS at \$2,000

Rotations Crop County Estimates NASS at \$23,000

Jon Stoner seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Ryan Bogar moved to fund Pulses of Montana. There was no second. Motion failed.

Christy Clark explained the proposed changes to the Pulse Advisory Committee structure. The changes would include moving the Director of Agriculture to an ex-officio member, adding an industry representative as an ex-officio member, and add an ex-officio research member

representing MSU. This would give the committee seven voting members all growers that pay the assessment. These three vacant committee seats would need to be filled by February 1, 2017.

Election of Officers

Chair Kim Murray called for nominations of officers. Ryan Bogar nominated Jon Stoner as Chair. Grant Zerbe seconded the motion. Motion passed. Kim Murray nominated Ryan Bogar as Vice Chair. Chad Doheny seconded the motion. Motion passed. Grant Zerbe was presented a gift for his time of service by the committee and the department.

Assessment Review

The assessment will be left at 1% as per committee discussion.

Roger Sammons gave a report on a meeting he attended on "Pest Management Strategic Planning". Report is attached.

Unfinished Business

Kim Murray stated that when the committee was formed in 2005 they had a mission statement, but no one has been able to locate it. He would like to adopt a new mission statement. It will be on the next meeting agenda.

Tim McGreevy reported that since Grant Zerbe no longer serves on MPAC, he will have to be replaced on national committees. He also asked for a representative to be appointed to attend a meeting in Washington D C on February 6-10, 2017 by the middle of December. Also representatives to attend a Culinary Institute event, and Global Pulse Day in New York, NY, the committee did not make any appointments for USADPLC.

Public Comment

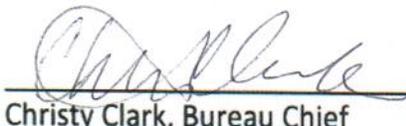
Charlie Cahill thanked the committee and the staff for their hard work on behalf of the Pulse industry.

Kim Murray adjourned the meeting at 4:50 pm.



Jon Stoner, Chair

11/21/2017
Date



Christy Clark, Bureau Chief

11/30/17
Date