

Montana Pulse Crop Committee

Tuesday March 19, 2019
GranTree Inn, Bozeman MT

Ryan Bogar, chair called the meeting to order at 9:15am

Introductions of those in attendance:

Ryan Bogar- Chair

Paul Kanning- Vice Chair

Jill Streit- Member

Colby Johnson- Member

Gordon Stoner- Member

Ron Williams- Member (phone)

Dr. Sreekala Bajwa- MSU College of Ag

Ben Thomas- Director MDA

Zach Coccoli- Attorney MDA

Weston Merrill- MDA

Lina Al Assadi- MDA

Dani Jones- MDA

David Wheeler- MSU

Eric Sommer- NASS

Chris Westegard- NPGA President

Tim McGreevy- USADPLC

Shannon Berndt- USADPLC

Todd Scholz- USADPLC

Jerald Bergman- Williston Research (phone)

Tom Wheeler- Williston Research (phone)

Barnett Sporkin-Morrison- Great Falls
Development Authority

Marvin Tarum- Producer/Research
Committee Rep.

Colter Brown- Northern Ag Network

Russell Nemetz- Nemetz Communication

Jess Anderson- Governor's Office

Jaime Edmudson- REAL Montana

Meeting welcome by Ryan Bogar

Zach Coccoli- To Amend the Meeting Agenda to add a Legislative Update and BNSF Sandpoint
Bridge Letter to the department update section

Motion was made by Jill Streit

Motion 2nd by Paul Kanning

Other changes to the agenda- None

Ryan Bogar- Chair, Called for Public Comment

Jill request to read a letter from a producer (letter attached) Vince Mattson, Mattson funds;
Pulse Refund 2018

No other public comment

Approval of Past Minutes:

- Spelling corrections of names (updated, but not saved over original minutes)

Motion to accept the minutes as presented- Paul Kanning

Motioned 2nd by Gordon Stoner

Weston Merrill- Review of Out of State Travel:

Pulse Quality Innovation Summit, Austin TX

USDA Trade Mission to Colombia, June 4-7, deadline for applications March 22, 2019.

Jill and Colby would be interested in going; take a producer along

Ben- motion is needed to

Zach proposed to discuss it more after reviewing the budget

Budget was presented by Lina. Zach offered the information that Lina can make changes and more visual graphs as needed. Changes made to the budget as presented

Jill made a motion to establish a "reserve" of \$500k. -discussion, motion died

Jill made a motion to set \$500k for Grants this year

Gordon Stoner 2nd the motion, motion passes

Jill and Gordon offered to come to Helena to work with Lina on the budget information

Jill made the motion to review the grants. Shift some agenda items to after the grants because of time. Colby 2nd the motion, motion passes

Zach Coccoli reminded all board members of their duty and of conflict of interest. Jill will not vote on REAL MT. Gordon will not vote on USDA.

Grant Proposals:

1. 10:30am- Tom Wheeler, Ray ND- Williston Research Extension Center
2. 10:50am- Eric Sommer, Helena MT, USDA/NASS
3. 10:56- Weston Merrill, Helena MT, AGR, Montana Food Show
4. 11:01- Jamie with REAL MT
5. 11:08- Barnett Sporkin-Morrison, Great Falls Development Authority
6. 11:30- Tim McGreevy, Shannon Berndt, Todd Scholz- USDPLC

Break for lunch

Russell Nemetz presented Media Contracts to the board- TV and Radio contracts. Northern Ag Network=Radio, Nemetz Communication=TV

Grant Proposal discussion

- 1- Tom Wheeler, Ray ND- Williston Research Extension Center- Revisit at the June Meeting
- 2- Eric Sommer, Helena MT- USDA/NASS- Fully Fund @ \$21,500
- 3- Weston Merrill, Helena MT- AGR, Montana Food Show- Revisit at the June Meeting
- 4- Jamie, REAL MT- Fully Fund @ 5,000
- 5- Barnett Sporkin-Morrison, Great Falls Development Authority- Fund 1 year @ \$18,700
- 6- Tim McGreevy- USDPLC- Fund @\$400k

Russell Nemetz, Nemetz Communication- by Conesus- Fully Fund Nemetz TV (NOT northern Ag Radio)

Paul Kanning made a motion to award the amounts as discussed
Gordon Stoner 2nd the motion, motion passed

Department of Agriculture Update:

Producer outreach in 11 counties (Glacier, Toole, Liberty, Blaine, Phillips, Pondera, Teton, Cascade, Chouteau, Judith Basin, Fergus)

Jill offered to help in her surrounding counties

Jill proposed to do Committee Reports at the June Meeting

Zach Coccoli-BNSF Sandpoint Bridge letter- discussion, needs backing from the committee for Ryan Bogar to sign. Gordon Stoner made the motion of support, Jill Streit 2nd the motion. Motion passed, Ryan Bogar signed the letter

Ben Thomas- Legislative and Department update

Feedingtheeconomy.com -information

Budget and Legislative Bills going well

Gordon Stoner asked about committee changes, Ben answered with no changes

Other Business:

Jill Streit asked about Name badges to wear

Dani Jones will get the price information and get the information to Weston, Ben, and board members

Paul Kanning asked about Specialty Crops Grants- Ben will bring that information to the June Meeting.

Weston Merrill gave an update on his past trip to US Dry Bean Congress in Mexico. It was a good trip. Paul Kanning asked about the "give back", Weston replied with contacts and possible markets were made. Next on "his" agenda is the USDPLC Board Meeting in Moscow ID

Next Meeting date:

June 27th, 2019 Havre MT

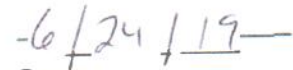
Paul Kanning made the motion to hold the next Pulse meeting in Havre MT on June 27th. Colby Johnson 2nd the motion, all in favor, motion passed

Jill Streit made a motion to adjourn the meeting

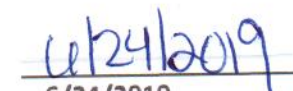
Paul Kanning 2nd the motion

Adjourned 4:08pm


Ryan Bogar, Chairman


Date


Dani Jones, Department of Agriculture


6/24/2019