

## Montana Pulse Crop Committee

Monday June 17, 2019

Join by Phone or Skype

Ryan Bogar, chair called the meeting to order at 10:05am

### Introductions of those in attendance:

<b>Committee Members:</b>	<b>Members of the Public:</b>
Ryan Bogar- Chair	Taylor Brown- Northern Ag Network
Paul Kanning- Vice Chair	Chris Westergard- President NPGA
Gordon Stoner- Member	Dolores Rohrich- NPGA
Jill Streit- Member	Shannon Berndt- NPGA
Ron Williams- Industry Rep.	Mary Bartsch- NPGA
Colby Johnson- Absent	Tim McGreevy- USA Pulses
Anton Bekkerman- MSU Ag Dean (proxy for Dr. Bajwa)	
<b>Department Staff:</b>	
Ben Thomas- Director	
Cindy Trimp- CSD Administrator	
David Johnson- Accountant	
Marty Earnheart- Marketing Officer	
Andy Fjeseth- Communications Officer	
Zach Coccoli- Attorney	
Lizzy Klinker- Student Intern	
Dani Jones- Compliance	
Jim Auer- Grants Manager	

Ryan Bogar- Chair, Called for Public Comment

No other public comment

Paul Kanning suggested to add to the agenda, Ron Williams replacement; will add to the end of the New Business section

Other changes to the agenda- None

### Approval of Past Minutes:

- Motion to accept the minutes as presented- Paul Kanning
- Motion 2<sup>nd</sup> by Gordon Stoner

### Travel discussed and reviewed by Dani Jones

- Travel Expense Vouchers, Reimbursement, and Out of State Travel. Process that should be in place. Will help down the road for travel, etc.

### Budget presented by Cindy Trimp

- Motion to accept the budget as presented by Jill Streit
- Motion 2<sup>nd</sup> by Gordon Stoner
- Motion and 2<sup>nd</sup> was made after Committee Reports

### Old Business:

#### Grant Awards still under consideration

- Williston Research Extension Center, asking \$25,000
  - Paul Kanning made a motion to fund at \$5,000
  - Motion 2<sup>nd</sup> by Gordon Stoner
  - The committee will notify the Williston Research Ext. Center to “keep coming back”
- MDA Montana Food Show, asking \$5,000
  - Marty Earnheart presented to the members about what the Food Show has to offer the industry
  - Jill Streit made a motion to fund the MT Food Show
  - After some discussion Ben Thomas withdrew the request
- Paul Kanning made a motion to grant the remaining funds to USA Dry Pea & Lentil
  - Motion 2<sup>nd</sup> by Gordon Stoner
    - \$437,800 awarded to USA Dry Pea & Lentil
      - **TOTAL** awarded amount \$837,800
- Previously funded Grants (funded at the March 19, 2019 meeting)
  - Eric Sommer, Helena MT- USDA/NASS- Fully Fund @ \$21,500
  - Jamie, REAL MT- Fully Fund @ \$5,000
  - Barnett Sporkin-Morrison, Great Falls Development Authority- Fund 1 year @ \$18,700
  - Tim McGreevy- USDAPLD- Fund @ \$400k
  - Russel Nemetz Communications (TV not radio)- Fully Fund
    - Motion made by Paul Kanning, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Gordon Stoner

### Committee Reports:

- Info/Gov -Gordon Stoner
  - Discussed Trade issues within Domestic and International. Government to Government trade deals
- Domestic Marketing- Paul Kanning
  - Working with Becky Garrison and Andy Fontain-great leadership
- International Marketing- Jill Streit
  - Approved Budget with Jeff Rumney
  - Busy with trade shows

- Looking to expand to new places; India and South America
- Research- Chris Westergard
  - Budget took a hit, 280k-480k total, roughly half of last year
  - Travel has been cut down

#### New Business:

- Budget was presented by Cindy Trimp before old Business
  - Motion to accept the budget as presented by Jill Streit
  - Motion 2<sup>nd</sup> by Gordon Stoner
- FY19 Budget Projections
  - Ron Williams wants "hard numbers"
  - Zach Coccoli- The budget will be investigated more once the numbers come in
- Department of Ag update
  - Specialty Crop Block Grants discussed by Ben Thomas and Jim Auer
  - Legislative update from Ben Thomas
    - Hemp Program moving forward, less than 100k acres, sampling and testing protocol in the works
  - USDA Trade Mission to Colombia- presented and discussed by Marty Earnheart
  - MPCC Name Badges- All Committee Members have received their name badges via mail
- Update from USADPLC and NPGA
  - USADPLC update from Tim McGreevy; encouraged all involved to sit in on a board meeting or a national meeting
  - NPGA update from President Chris Westergard, reports from their previous meeting-tight budget for the year. Montana Pulse Days and Mon-Dak Pulse Days are coming
    - Question from Jill Streit "Will Montana Pulse Days be a one day or two-day event?" Answer from Chris Westergard, "Depends on the funding, but hoping for a two-day event"
- Current Crop Updates:
  - Jill Streit- Test crop was planted in October, looking good, but some crops are behind
  - Gordon Stoner- Snow in April, need moisture, Root Disease was found by Mary Burrows; more research in the works
  - Paul Kanning- Ditto to Jill and Gordon, Rain is needed
  - Ryan Bogar- Rain is needed
  - Colby Johnson- Update via text- "Stuck in the field"

- Vacant/Expiring Positions:
  - Ron Williams term expires 6/2019
    - Matt Franks name has been submitted to replace Ron Williams
  - Marvin Tarum on the Research Committee – Jill Streit will keep working on it
  - Ben Thomas, how often is a “Chairman” appointed- Annual or Biannual
    - Jill Streit- Annual basis for the “Chairman”
    - Chairman appointment will be added to the November 2019 agenda

Next Board Meeting:

- In conjunction with MT Pulse Days- November 13-14 in Bozeman MT
  - Ben Thomas will be gone. Jill Streit will be gone, but can Skype in

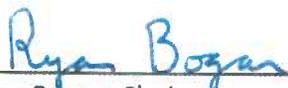
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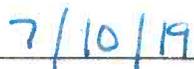
- Gordon Stoner- asked about the funding for him being appointed to the USDA Agriculture Policy Advisory Council
  - Funding will come out of the 8%, department will cover the fees

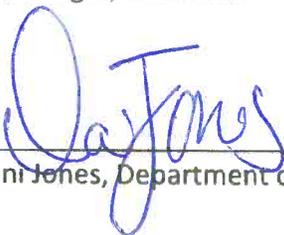
Ryan Bogar asked for Public Comment: none at this time

Paul Kanning made a motion to adjourn the meeting  
Gordon Stoner 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion

Meeting was adjourned at 12:03pm

  
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Ryan Bogar, Chairman

  
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Dani Jones, Department of Agriculture

  
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