Montana Potato Advisory Committee

Tuesday November 10, 2026

Holiday Inn, Downtown, Missoula MT

Call to Order: 10:00 AM

Roll Call:

Public Comment:

Meeting Minutes:

A. November 11, 2025

Financial Report:

A. FY 2026-2027 Budget
    a. Projection feedback
B. Advertising program 2026-2027

Review FY27 Research Applications: 10-minute presentations with 5 minutes for Q&A

A. Engineering an autonomous leaf-sampling robot for Montana Seed potato post-harvest grow-out testing in Hawaii, Aritra Roy Choudhury MSU $12,000.00
B. Which seed lots are headed for PVY Trouble? A Dashboard built from Montana's Own Certification Records, Dr. Aliasghar Bazrafkan MSU $10,000.00
C. Hawaii Winter Grow-Out Surveillance: Vector, Host, and Inoculum Risk Assessment, Mr. Brian Smith Potadaho Seed Services, Whitehall MT $5,487.98

New Business:

A. Award Grant Applications
    a. MSU- Aritra Roy Choudhury $12,000
    b. MSU- Dr. Aliasghar Bazarfkan $10,000
    c. Potadaho Seed Servies- Mr. Brian Smith $5,487.98
B. 26POT003 Rachel Johnston Extension Request (attached)
C. Report from Larry Krum
D. Leadership Institute
E. Travel plans- Out of State Travel

Other Business:

A. Committee Appointments
    a. Thane Tobol replaced Tim Lake
    b. Tim Schutter replaced Tim Venhuizen
    c. NEED a replacement for Carli Hughbanks
    d. Expiring Terms -3/1/2027
        i. Carli Hughbanks

Public Comment:

Set Date for Next Board Meeting: **November 2027**