

Pulse Crop Committee Meeting Minutes

June 8, 2021

I. Call to order

Ryan Bogar called to order the regular meeting of the Pulse Crop Committee at 1:03pm on Tuesday June 8, 2021.

II. Roll call

Dani Jones conducted roll call. The following committee members were present: Chair Ryan Bogar, Vice Chair Paul Kanning, Jillien Streit, Gordon Stoner, Matt Franks, Colby Johnson was absent.

Department of Agriculture: Andy Fjeseth, Weston Merrill, Zach Coccoli, Cindy Trimp, and Dani Jones.

Members of the Public: Shannon Berndt from Norther Pulse Growers, Tm McGreevy with USADPLC, Frankie Crutcher- Eastern Ag Research Center, Augie Aga with Norther Ag Network, and Lindsey Orem with MT AG in the Classroom.

Chair Ryan Bogar asked for public comment. No public comment currently.

III. Meeting Minutes

- a) April 7, 2021- edits made-
- b) April 21, 2021
- i) Jillien Streit made the motion to approve the minutes as amended by Paul Kanning. Paul Kanning 2nd the motion. All in favor, motion passed

IV. New Business

- a) AG in the Classroom Amendment Request
- i) Lindsey Orem presented to the committee the need to extend to the grant until the next fiscal year, June 2022. Jillien Streit made the motion to extend the grant through the next fiscal year. Gordon Stoner 2nd the motion. All in favor, motion passed.

- b) Budget Presentation, Cindy Trimp
 - i) Cindy Trimp presented the current budget to the committee. Cindy Trimp included the line item requested by the committee for a “Reserve” amount. The amount of \$400,000.00 was listed as the reserve, this figure can be changed however the committee would like. Grants funded in April are not reflected on this current budget sheet. Cash Balance as of 6/31/2021 would be 1.3 Million dollars.
 - (1) Paul Kanning- 1.5 million- Is the reserve included in the Cash Balance?
 - (a) Cindy Trimp- actual cash balance of 1.3 Million does not include the \$400,000 reserve amount. Reserve amount can be changed
 - (2) Ryan Bogar- Does the committee feel comfortable awarding up to 1.3 million in grants today?
 - (3) Paul Kanning- We had set aside a reserve last year with good intentions, thinking it was a good thing to do, over time if we can get to a consist number, level off the hills and fill in the valleys. It would be beneficial to the grant seekers and to the department.
 - ii) Jill Streit made the motion to grant a total of \$1.4 million dollars this fiscal year. Paul Kanning 2nd the motion and asked for discussion.
 - (1) Jill Streit added to “cap the reserve at \$500,000 and award \$1.5million annually. Paul Kanning added to write in “Policy” to make the “Reserve” a line item, flag for future meetings. Gordon Stoner suggested to allocate a certain amount each year to go to the “Reserve”, like \$100,000.00; \$1.5 million dollars would be close to the comfort level for awarding each year.
 - (a) Jill Streit made the motion to amend, as referenced by Paul Kanning. Amended- to grant a total of \$1.5 mission dollars this fiscal year. Paul Kanning 2nd the motion. All in favor, motion passes
 - (i) Jill Streit asked the question if the award amount will be listed on the RFP, Zach Coccoli responded that the committee will have a meeting before the release of the grant. The committee will have time to review and approve.
- c) Grant Proposals
 - i) Nemetz Communication- Paul Kanning made the motion to not fund, Jill Streit 2nd the motion. All in favor, motion passed

- ii) Northern Ag Network, Augie Aga- Paul Kanning made the motion to not fund, Jill Streit 2nd the motion. All in favor, motion passed.
- iii) NPGA, Shannon Berndt- Paul Kanning made the motion to award \$375,000.00 to NPGA. Jill Streit 2nd the motion. Ryan Bogar asked Zach Coccoli if it was ok to award more money than requested in the grant application. Zach replied with yes, it is ok, the committee will just need a revised budget to reflect the changes. All in favor, motion passed.
- iv) USDPLC, Tim McGreevy- Jill Streit made the motion to award the remaining balance of funds available to USDPLC, in the amount of \$999,691.00. Gordon Stoned 2nd the motion. All in favor, motion passed.

Chair Ryan Bogar asked for public comment.

Shannon Berndt, NPGA- Pulse Days will take place in Great Falls MT on November 9-10, 2021.

Next Committee meeting will be November 9th, 2021.

Jill Streit made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Paul Kanning 2nd the motion. All in favor, meeting was adjourned.

Ryan Bogar adjourned the meeting

Minutes submitted by: Dani Jones

Minutes approved by: Ryan Bogar

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