

**Montana Pulse Crop Committee**  
 Tuesday March 17, 2020, 9:00am  
 Zoom Conference Meeting

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman Ryan Bogar at 9:03am

Introductions of those in attendance:

| <b>Committee Members:</b>                   | <b>Members of the Public:</b>           |
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| Ryan Bogar- Chair                           | Tim McGreevy- USDPLC                    |
| Paul Kanning- Vice Chair                    | Drex Rhodes- USDPLC                     |
| Gordon Stoner- Member                       | Kim Murray, Froid MT                    |
| Jill Streit- Member                         | Eric Sommer, USDA/NAS, Helena MT        |
| Colby Johnson- Member                       | Tara Becken- REAL Montana               |
| Dr Srekalawa Bajwa- MSU Ag Dean             | Brian Gion- NPG Staff                   |
| Matt Franks- Ex-Officio, Columbia Grain     | Delores -NPG Staff                      |
| Ben Thomas- Ex Officio, Director Dept of Ag | Shannon -NPG Staff                      |
|   | Jeff Rumney - USDPLC                    |
| <b>Department Staff:</b>                    | Lorri Brenneman- MT Ag in the Classroom |
| Cindy Trimp- CSD Administrator              | Todd Scholz- USDPLC                     |
| Andy Fjeseth- ADD Bureau Chief              | Russell Nemetz- Nemetz Communication    |
| Weston Merrill- ADD Marketing Staff         | Christian Orms- MT Premier Protein      |
| Zach Coccoli- Department Attorney           |   |
| Christy Clark- Deputy Director              |   |
| Virginia Corbett- Director Assistant        |   |
| Dani Jones- ADD                             |   |

Ryan Bogar- Chair, Called for Public Comment  
 No public comment

Approval of Past Minutes:

- Gordon Stoner made the motion to accept the November 14, 2019 minutes as presented
- Jill Streit 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion, all in favor, motion passes

Jill Streit made the motion to listen to the grant presentations today and make the decisions to grant or deny the applicants at the June meeting.

Colby Johnson 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion, all in favor, motion passed

### New Business:

Review budget and look at FY2020 projections- Cindy Trimp

- Discussed by Cindy Trimp
  - Gordon Stoner had a question about unspent money, Cindy Trimp explained that the unspent money is because some of last year's grant recipients that have not drawn funds
- Jill Streit made the motion to approve the budget as presented
  - Paul Kanning 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion, all in favor, motion passed

### Grant Proposals:

- Eric Sommer, USDA/NASS
  - Requested amount- 1) \$22,500.00 2) \$1,600.00
- Lorri Brenneman, Montana Ag in the Classroom
  - Requested amount- \$21,114.00
- Tara Becken, REAL Montana
  - Requested amount- \$5,000.00
- Russell Nemetz, Nemetz Communications
  - Requested amount- 1) \$25,000.00 2) \$12,000.00
- Tim McGreevy, USDPLC
  - Requested amount- \$2,000,000.00
- Christian Orms, Montana
  - Requested amount- \$57,500.00

### Department Update from Director Ben Thomas:

- Travel is being limited to only essential travel, both out of state and in state
- Limited planning for the next 8 weeks
- National and International travel is being canceled or limited
- Coronavirus update- flexing with impact, keeping essential services
- Oilseed update- committee applications are coming into the Helena office, second press release to go out to extend the deadline for more applications

### USDPLC and NPGA Update:

Update from Tim McGreevy, Jeff Rumney, Becky Garrison, and Evie Chichnas  
(timing expired and they were cut off)

### Expiring Terms:

Paul Kanning and Jill Streit- Applications for reappointment have been sent to the governor's office

Ryan Bogar asked for Public Comment  
No public Comment

The next Pulse Meeting will be Tuesday June 9, 2020 in Great Falls Montana, (Tentative).  
Weston Merrill will be in touch with the committee

Gordon Stoner made a motion to adjourn the meeting  
Jill Streit 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion, all in favor, motion passed

Meeting was adjourned at 12:33 pm

Dani Jones, Department of Agriculture

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