

Pulse Crop Committee Meeting Minutes

April 7, 2021

I. Call to order

Ryan Bogar called to order the regular meeting of the Pulse Crop Committee at 10:06am on Wednesday April 7, 2021.

II. Roll call

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

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

Members of the public: Shannon Berndt, Dolores Rohrich, Brian Gion from Northern Pulse Growers Association. Tim McGreevy from USDPLC. Chengci Chen from MSU.

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

III. Chickpea Varieties Size Document

- a) “Policy for Size Determination of Chickpea Varieties for RMA” document was provided to the committee from Todd Scholz with USA Dry Pea and Lentil Council
- b) Jill Streit made the motion to approve/accept the “Policy for Size Determination of Chickpea Varieties for RMA” (Risk Management Agency). Paul Kanning 2nd the motion. All in favor, motion passed

IV. Funding Decisions for Grant Proposals

- a) USDA/NASS Eric Sommer, 1- \$22,000 2-\$1,700
- i) Jill Streit made the motion to fully fund both projects. Gordon Stoner 2nd the motion. Paul Kanning opposed the motion, he would like to stick to the funding dates in the RFP. Majority in favor, motion passed.
- b) MSU Chengci Chen, 1- \$60,000

- i) Jill Streit made the motion to fully fund the project. Colby Johnson 2nd the motion, all in favor, motion passed.
- c) REAL Montana, 1-\$5,000
- i) Gordon Stoner made the motion to fully fund the project. Paul Kanning 2nd the motion, all in favor, motion passed.
- d) Farver Farms, Shauna Farver 1-\$22,139.42
- i) Jill Streit made the motion to not fund the project. Paul Kanning 2nd the motion, all in favor, motion passed.
- e) Montana State Grain Lab, 1-\$51,609
- i) Jill Streit made the motion to fully fund the State Grain Lab as proposed. Matt Franks 2nd the motion. Gordon Stoner, Paul Kanning, and Ryan Bogar opposed the motion. Motion failed
- ii) Jill Streit made the motion to fund the State Grain Lab at \$36,609; remove communication and clothing portion. Colby Johnson 2nd the motion, all in favor, motion passed.
- f) Russell Nemetz with Nemetz Communication, USDPLC Tim McGreevy, Augie Aga with Northern Ag Network, and NPGA grant proposals were tabled until the June 2021 meeting.

V. Executive Director Discussion

- a) Jill Streit proposed to create an executive director position, to have a \$60k line item in the budget for the position. Gordon Stoner 2nd the motion
- i) Paul Kanning brought up his thoughts about conflict with the department, not speaking against the motion.
- ii) Director Foster appreciate the concerns and expects transparency between the department and the committee. A discussion just for the position, meeting in 7-10 days with department staff and the director.

Next Meeting Date: Executive Director meeting with Director Foster and Department Staff will be in the next 7-10 days. Depending on the director's schedule. Dani Jones will email the committee to let them know of the date and time and zoom information.

June 2021 Meeting- hope to be in person, June 8- the committee will finish the funding decisions. Next meeting date Tuesday June 8, 2021

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

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

Ryan Bogar adjourned the meeting at 11:46am.

Minutes submitted by: Dani Jones

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Minutes approved by: Ryan Bogar

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