

RECORDING OF PROCEEDINGS

Wyoming Board of Agriculture
December 1, 2014
Hilton Garden Inn
Casper, WY

Present:

Alison Lass
John Hansen
Jim Hodder
Jim Price
Jana Ginter
Kendall Roberts
Jason Fearneyhough
Dr. Galey
Bryan Brost

Staff:

Pam Bell
Justin Caudill
Michelle MacDonald

Absent:

Shaun Sims
John Moore
Cameron Smith
Richard Schlenker
Nephi Cole

Guests: Dr. John Tanaka, Bret Hess, Gustavo Sbatella, Dr. Brad Hedy, Anowar Islam, Dr. Dipak Santra, Cindy Garretson-Weibel, Jim Magagna, Doug Miyamoto, Leanne Correll

Called to order by Alison Lass at 1:00 p.m.

Minutes

Jim Price made a motion to accept the minutes from the September 18, 2014 meeting. The motion was seconded by Jana Ginter. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Meeting Schedule for 2015

Jim made a motion to accept the Tentative Meeting Schedule for 2015. The motion was seconded by John Hansen. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Letter of Support for Sheep Experiment Station

Jason Fearneyhough presented information about the Sheep Experiment Station Letter, and discussed the board supporting the sheep experiment station in Idaho staying open. **Jana Ginter made a motion to sign onto the letter or compose one of our own. The motion was seconded by Jim Hodder.** Jim Price asked if the Wool Growers would receive a copy of this letter. Jason Fearneyhough said that we could send them copy of the letter if the board would like to. **All voted in favor. The motion carried.**

Lower Wind River Conservation District Appointment

Jana Ginter made a motion to accept the appointment of Terry N. Hayes to the Lower Wind River Conservation District Board of Supervisors. The motion was seconded by Kendall Roberts. No discussion. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

APRGP Applications

Michelle MacDonald provided information about the APRGP applications, and the order of recommendations by the director and committee. #1 recommendation: Anowar Islam of UW-Evaluation of Birdsfoot Trefoil-A Non-Bloating Forage Legume in Wyoming. Anowar Islam provided information about this project. #2 recommendation: Sadanand Dhekney of UW-Engineering Alfalfa Weevil Resistance in Commercial Alfalfa Cultivars: A Valuable Tool for Integrating Pest Management of Alfalfa Weevil. #3 recommendation: Eric Peterson-Enhancing Fitness or Gizzard Envy: Are Sage Grouse Selecting Winter Habitats in Southwestern Wyoming with an Eye Toward Eating Dirt? Jason Fearneyhough and Justin Caudill provided information about this project. #4 recommendation: Gustavo Sbatella of UW-Technical and Economic Evaluation for On-Farm Drying of Confection Sunflowers and Grain Corn in the Big Horn Basin. #5 recommendation: Dorothy Yates of UW-Advancing Landowner Tools for Use with the Greater Sage-Grouse Umbrella CCAA for Wyoming Ranch Management. Dr. John Tanaka and Leanne Correll provided information about this project. #6 recommendation: University of Waterloo-Assessing the Efficacy of Fathead Minnows for Mosquito Control. This project was not recommended by the committee or the director. Dr. Brad Fedy provided information about this project. #7 recommendation: University of Nebraska-Proso Millet Varieties of Direct Harvesting for Wyoming. This project was not recommended by the committee or the director. Dr. Dipak Santra and Justin Caudill provided information about this project.

Jim Hodder made a motion to fund Anowar Islam of UW-Evaluation of Birdsfoot Trefoil-A Non-Bloating Forage Legume in Wyoming Project for \$20,000 with a match/in-kind of \$20,000. The motion was seconded by Jana Ginter. No discussion. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Kendall Roberts made a motion to fund Sadanand Dhekney of UW-Engineering Alfalfa Weevil Resistance in Commercial Alfalfa Cultivars: A Valuable Tool for Integrating Pest Management of Alfalfa Weevil Project for \$20,000 with a match/in-kind of \$20,000. The motion was seconded by John Hansen. No discussion. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Jana Ginter made a motion to fund Eric Peterson-Enhancing Fitness or Gizzard Envy: Are Sage-Grouse Selecting Winter Habitats in Southwestern Wyoming with an Eye Toward Eating Dirt? Project for \$20,000 with a match/in-kind of \$51,287. Kendall Roberts commented that agricultural benefits should be emphasized in this project. 6 voted in favor; 1 opposed. Motion carried.

Jim Hodder made a motion to fund Gustavo Sbatella of UW-Technical and Economic Evaluation for On-Farm Drying of Confection Sunflowers and Grain Corn in the Big Horn Basin Project for \$11,280 with a match/in-kind of \$9,210. The motion was seconded by Jana Ginter. No discussion. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Dorothy Yates of UW-Advancing Landowner Tools for Use with the Greater Sage-Grouse Umbrella CCAA for Wyoming Ranch Management Project-**Failed for lack of a motion.**

Bryan Brost made a motion to fund the University of Waterloo-Assessing the Efficacy of Fathead Minnows for Mosquito Control Project for \$19,870 with a match/in-kind of \$74,830. The motion was

seconded by Jana Ginter. Bryan Brost mentioned this project could be beneficial for reasons other than the West Nile Virus. **2 voted in favor; 5 opposed. Motion failed.**

University of Nebraska-Proso Millet Varieties of Direct Harvesting for Wyoming Project –Jim Hodder mentioned that if this project is needed, UW should look into it. **Failed for lack of a motion.**

Water Quality Reports and RHAP Extension Request

John Hansen made a motion to accept the Popo Agie Conservation District 12-14 Middle Fork of Popo Agie River Planning and Assessment Project Water Quality Final Report. The motion was seconded by Kendall Roberts. No discussion. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Jana Ginter made a motion to accept the Sweetwater County Conservation District Bitter Creek Sampling & Analysis for the TMDL Prep, and Water Shed Assessment Project Interim Report. The motion was seconded by Kendall Roberts. No discussion. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Jim Price made a motion to accept the Lincoln County Conservation District Smithsfork Allotment R.M.P. Extension Request for the new contract to expire December 31, 2015 and the Final Report and Return of Used Funds by January 31, 2016. The motion was seconded by Jana Ginter. No discussion. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Industry Group Updates

Bret Hess provided information about the Wyoming Agricultural Experiment Station Field Days Bulletin, and the research that is taking place at each station. He asked the Board for input on the University of Wyoming Extension Offices.

Jim Magagna provided information about Wyoming Stock Growers, and the following issues pertaining to them: Sage Grouse, wolves, black footed ferrets, federal land grazing issues, forest service-specifically Region 4, grazing legislation, bills for the State Legislation, Beef Check-off program, and a lawsuit taking place in Carbon County.

Cindy Garretson-Weibel provided information about the state inspected meat program and a new strategic plan the Wyoming Business Council is working on: Think Big, Think Small, Think Local, Think Global.

Doug Miyamoto provided information about the Livestock Board, and issues they are working on: Beef Check-off Program, brand renewals, companion animals, Brucellosis in elk, and the sheep experiment station.

Dr. Galey spoke about 5 year reviews that were coming up for several people in his department, comments regarding the University Extension Offices, facility needs and Ag College enrollment.

Jana Ginter made a motion for the Board of Agriculture to draft a letter showing that they do not support a need for a second Beef Check-Off program. The motion was seconded by Jim Price. There was discussion about getting the letter sent by December 10th. **All voted in favor. Motion carried.**

There was discussion among the board members about writing a letter of support for the renovation of the Ag buildings at UW. **Bryan Brost made a motion to write a letter of support for the renovation of the Ag buildings at UW. The motion was seconded by John Hansen. All voted in favor. Motion carried.**

Updates

Jason Fearneyhough provided information about the Joint Ag Committee, industrial grade hemp, and Waters of the US.

Public Comment

No Public Comment.

There being no additional business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Alison Lass, President

Date