

Wyoming Bean Commission
September 28, 2018
8:00 a.m.
Conference Call

Meeting was called to order at 8:00 am by Chairman Fulton

Introductions

Committee Members: Beau Fulton, Hank Uhden, Wayne Hort, Pascual Aguilar, Jeffrey Chapman, Jerrod (Butch) Lind, Lynn Preator, Hank Uhden

Others in attendance: Kelsey Hart, Dale Heggem, Vivek Sharma

Preventative Plant Info: Beau Fulton provided an update with the preventative plant info and Jeff Chapman read the letter which was received from RMA.

Budget: Hank Uhden reviewed the current budget for the Wyoming Bean Commission. It is currently at approximately \$184,000. Hank asked that the commission decide on an amount for allocation of project funding. Motion was made for \$90,000 to be budgeted for the 2019 research projects by Jeff Chapman, second by Butch Lind. Motion carried.

Chapter 2: Hank Uhden discussed the status of Chapter 2. Chapter 2 has been completed. Proposed timeline for research projects: Hank Uhden discussed the proposed biennial timeline for research project proposals. A document was provided to the Commission indicating these proposed timeline of dates.

New business:

Project Proposal Application Discussion: Kelsey Hart, WDA presented the proposal to the Commission of suggested application process for all future research projects to help aid the funding and contract process of these proposals, as well as add some structure to the actual proposals to require similar information from all parties requesting funding for research projects through the Wyoming Bean Commission. A draft copy of the proposed application packet was provided to the Commission.

This proposal would indicate a deadline date for Researchers to submit their project proposals by January 15th of each year to allow the Commission to review the proposals prior to the presentations which would allow the Commission to ask more precise questions as well and have a better understanding of the projects prior to funding request approvals.

Legislative Updates: provide by Hank Uhden.

National Dry Bean Council:

Lynn Preator gave an overview of what the it would entail for the Wyoming Bean Commission to be apart of the National Dry Bean Council and the benefits it would bring. It would cost approximately \$8,000 per year to join. Chairman Fulton entrained for a motion on joining the National Dry Bean Council. Jeff Chapman made the motion to join, Butch Lind seconded the motion. Motion was carried.

Hank Uhden requested that Lynn send the exact contact information for payment to him so he can get the process started to add to state vendor management system. (This process could take on the upside of 6-9 months to complete.)

Elections: New Chairman is up for elections at the next annual meeting in February in Powell, WY. There are also 3 members of the commission that terms come to end July 1, 2019. Ballots and voting process for those 3 members will begin in February 2019.

Dale Heggem, WDA, will be coming on to the Commission as Ex-Officio in training.

Next meetings:

- A conference call and date will be set after review of schedules, sometime in late November /early December to vote and discuss on the application process for the Research Projects.
- February 7, 2019 - in conjunction with WCIA in Powell, WY (new meeting location pending)

Butch L. motioned to adjourn. Jeff Chapman seconded the motion to adjourn.

Meeting adjourned at 9:23 am