

Wyoming Bean Commission Minutes

Powell, Wyoming

February 1, 2018

Called to order @ 1:02

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

Others Attending: Cindy Fulton, Dale Heggem, Ted Craig, Kelsey Hart, Bret Hess, Dr. Jim *Heitholt*, Jolene Sweet, Dr. John Tanka via video call, Sam Fulton via video call, Vivek Sharma, Dr. William Stump- via conf. call, Pam Jackson, Michael Rasmussen, Travis Jackson, Jared Snell, Pat Brownfield, Courtney Allen, Kyle Webber, Ray Cauffman, Doug Allen.

Agenda of 2017 meetings were reviewed and approved.

Discussion on the budget was reviewed. Currently the Wyoming Bean Commission has \$224,000 on hand. A discussion took place regarding the approval of a refund request for Scot Feagler. Wayne Hort moved to approve the refund request, Jeff Chapman second the motion. Motion carried.

Jeff Chapman moved to approved the minutes from 2017 meeting. Butch Lind seconded the motion. Motion carried

Hank Uhden from Wyoming Department of Agriculture (WDA) discussed legislative statutes and updates.

Research Projects:

Ted Craig, Specialty crop Grants- (handout- packet)

- 3 projects for sustainable edible beans
 - Evaluation of Chickpeas in Wyoming Environments
 - Dry Bean Water Management and Yield Response Under Surface and Sprinkler Irrigation
 - Sustainable Production Practices for Edible Dry Beans
- Requesting \$175,670

Andrew Kniss- Cultural methods of improving direct harvest efficiency in dry edible beans- via video presentation.

- Estimated another \$18,000-20,000 to continue the project.

Dr. John Tanaka- Via video call- grower survey results, 2 rounds of surveys, only 32 returned.

- Jeff Chapman addressed the concern with the incorrect surveys being sent out. John explained that the files got mixed up by the student who was putting the surveys together. As soon as they were notified about the error, the corrective survey was resent within 2 weeks.

- Dan expressed it may be better to do focus groups verses the survey in future due to the number of surveys growers receive

Brett Hess- Late season weed control in Dry beans.

- The decision to terminate the project was made after tragic death of Dr. Gustavo and not having the records to know where the project stood to move forward with it, as Dr. Gustavo did the project primarily by himself.
- Brett expressed the process of what the University is doing to refill the Dr. Gustavo's position. The request is to fill the position and keep it at the Powell Research and Extension Center
- Jeff Chapman asked if this is a project Andrew Kniss could pick up/take over on this project. Beau Fulton added to Jeff's question and asked if there were anything that the Bean Commission Committee could do to assist the University in helping move this request along.

Dr. William Stump- Dry bean soil- borne disease management with in-furrow fungicides- via video call

- Looking to continue project both in Powell and at SAREC

Dr. Jim Heitholt – edible dry beans as part of improved crop rotations in WY.

- Had good results thus far and will continue to work on results.

Vivek Sharma- Evaluation of Pop-Up /Starter and Foliar fertilizer application on drybean production.

- 1 year experiment results so far. Would like to add another year to this project and test different nitrogen levels in the fertilizer

Vivek Sharma & Dr. Jim Heitholt- Screening dry bean genotypes for drought tolerance in WY

- Wanting to conduct one more year to add 1 or 2 more factors

Dr. Jim Heitholt- Dry Bean Nursery SAREC & Powell Centers

- Two handouts were passed out

Hank discussed utilizing USDA's Ag Stats surveys to get surveys out.

Bean Commission Board Members discussed projects and funding considerations.

- Six standing projects to consider in the budget, less the cost of the survey.
- Discussion on total dollar amount to allocate
 - Wayne Hort made a motion to set a \$15,000 suggested ceiling per project and suggested with additional consideration with a match or other leverage of funds from other financial agreements. Jeff Chapman second the motion. Motion carries.

Dry Bean Consortium – Hank Uhden

Hank Uhden reviewed the Dry Bean Consortium. It is currently in limbo; Brett Hess expressed contracts are in hands of University of Idaho and there has been some slight movement on progress on the Dry Bean Consortium.

Other Business:

- Jeff Chapman requested an executive discussion with Dale Heggem, WDA's Grain Warehouse Examiner.
- Committee met for executive discussion.
- Meeting called back in session as open meeting.
- Jeff Chapman makes motion to hire WDA to investigate the possible of a non-compliant bean dealer regarding the bean compliance, motion was seconded by Wayne Hort, motion carried.
- Dale Heggem discussed a few other concerns with the numbers with insurance bean grading settlement process (dealer/grower agreement)
- WDA/WBC Audit Agreement Review- Hank Uhden:
 - No expiration date to agreement
- Appointments to Crop Research Foundation of Wyoming
 - Currently, Butch Lind & Lynn Preator are appointed; open to renewal or reassign.
 - Wayne Hort makes motion to keep Butch Lind and Lynn Preator on the Committee, Jeff Chapman seconded the motion. Motion carried.
 - Wayne Hort makes motion to allow any Wyoming Bean Commission member to be alternative if one of the appointed cannot attend a meeting. Butch Lind seconded motion. Motion carried.
- Election of Officers: Butch Lind motion to keep Committee officers as is, Lynn Preator seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- Next proposed meeting: Week of February 19, 2018. Follow up email to committee on setting exact date will take place.
- Floor opened for public discussion.
 - Open discussion with Committee members, Dale Heggem, WDA and Pam Jackson (Grower & Insurance Adjuster) regarding crop insurance & CCC Agreement with Grain Elevators for bean grading. Conversation also lead to concern that the USDA & Industry standards are so far off and the need to have some balancing out needs to take place.
 - Pam Jackson suggested contacting the Billings, Montana's RMA, Dry Bean specialist for further information.
- Jeff Chapman motion to adjourn, Butch Lind seconded to adjourn. Motion carried.
- Meeting adjourned at 4:15pm