

**Wyoming Bean Commission**  
**2219 Carey Avenue**  
**Cheyenne, WY 82002**  
**307-777-7324**



February 7, 2019  
Powell, Wyoming

**Call to order:** 1:07pm

**Introductions:**

In Attendance: Beau Fulton, Jeff Chapman, Wayne Hort, Pascual Aguilar, Dale Heggem, Jerrod (Butch) Lind (via phone), Kelsey Hart

Absent: Lynn Preator

Public Attendance: Steve Junghans- RMA; Cindy Fulton- WDA; Camby Renolds- UW; Andrew Kniss- UW; Austen Samet-Brown- TVS Handler; Jay Norton- UW; Vivek Sharma- UW PREC; Kyle Webber- UW; Kim Decker – WDA; Payden Gebauer- ADM; Pat Brownfield – ADM; Cortney Allen- ADM; Ray Cauffman – ADM; Bret Hess- UW; Jolene Sweet – UW Seed Certification; Jim Heithold – UW-PREC; Dr. Bill Stump (Zoom)- UW

**Corrections/Additions to Agenda** – Add 2 refund requests for approval under other business

**Approval of Minutes** – Nov. 15, 2018 – Jeff Chapman motions to approve minutes, Wayne Hort seconded the motion, motion carries.

**Old Business**

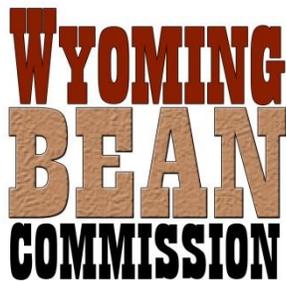
- Budget Overview – Dale Heggem, As of December 2018, just over \$200,000 in account, expected to reach \$250,000 with upcoming assessments due. Beau Fulton added that we've allocated \$90,000 in funding projects at last meeting.
- The \$21,000 for Vivek Sharma's projects 2018 will not be pulled from the project funding for this budget as it was allocated at under the previous year's budget.
- Scholarship update – Dale Heggem stated that the way the law reads, the commission cannot offer a scholarship with the WBC funds, it would have to be a grower group to host the scholarship.

**New Business**

- Updates:
  - o Vivek Sharma update on Different Dry Bean Genotypes status from 2018 results
  - o Vivek Sharma update on Pop-up/Start-up Foliar Fertilizer Application status from 2018 results
  - o Jay Norton- updated on Edible Dry beans as part of Improved crop rotations (year 2)
  - o Dry bean soil-borne disease management – Kyle Webber/Bill Stump
  - o Start-up funding on new/vacant position at University of Wyoming – Brett Hess; they are getting close on negation with first picked candidate. The funds allocated last year have not been used at this time. Bret asks that a no cost extension (\$15k) be granted to allow time to use funds for research – Dale Heggem added the contract for this agreement expires March 31,

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2019. If Commission would like to continue this contract, motion will need to take place. Wayne Hort motions to approve the extension, Jeff Chapman seconded the motion, motion carries.

- Effects on plant density & Row arrangements – Vivek Sharma (year 1 results)
- Dr. Jim Heitholt- 2018 Cooperative Dry Bean Nursery – updates

#### **New Projects:**

- Yield Maturity of cooperative dry bean nursery- Heitholt/Moore (PREC- Powell)
  - Request \$2,050, CDBN four replicates, 22in rows, flood irrigation, LPID retest w. keepers & checks (2-4 reps) Grow out progeny for numerous crosses.
- Yield Maturity of cooperative dry bean nursery- Heitholt/Eberle (SAREC-Lingle)
  - Request \$8270, CDBN four replicates, 30 in rows, sprinkler irrigation, LPID retest w. keepers & checks (2-4 reps) Grow out progeny for numerous crosses. Funds to assist in hiring personnel to work on data/research.
- Edible Dry beans as part of improved crop rotation in Wyoming – Norton/Heitholt
  - Conventional bean productions practices don't support conservation of cropping objectives, conservation tillage know to improve soils, efficiencies and lower costs (more soil study/data) data, yield components, soil health, BNF. Requesting \$15,000/year for two years to support PhD student.
- Year 2 – Effect of plant density and row arrangement of dry productivity in Wyoming – Sharma
  - Requesting \$13,052 (Powell location) – See above
- Cultural methods for improving direct harvest efficiency in dry edible beans - Kniss
  - Field prep & variety to minimize harvest lost in direct cut. Requesting \$16,000/ year for two years. – Long term goal is to evaluated different dry bean varieties and market classes for how they respond to crop residue and winter-planted cover crops in a direct harvest system. 30in rows. Funding primarily for support of student.
- Dry bean soil-borne disease management with an integrated approach with tillage variety, and in furrow fungicides – Stump/Webber
  - Conducted at SAREC & PREC, may change some of the fungicides based on other fungicide trials, will include an additional earlier disease rating
  - Requesting \$4,700

#### **Other Requests:**

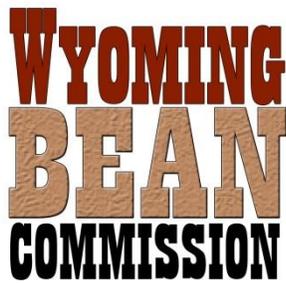
- Brett Hess, 2017 projects that continued in 2018, (roughly \$30,000) Funds are still sitting in accounts and have less than 90 days to spend. Requesting to use these funds as a no cost extension (for 2 years) of funds to support new hire to continue the Venice Mallow project Gustavo began in 2017. Brett Hess will abide to contract obligation and return funds to WBC if this request is not approved. Payments were originally double paid by WDA to UW for this contract. This is separate to the \$15,000 request of start up positions request. Dale Heggem asked that the commission not take action on this until he could discuss the issue with the WDA accounting staff.

#### **Other Business:**

- RMA presentation from Steve Junghans

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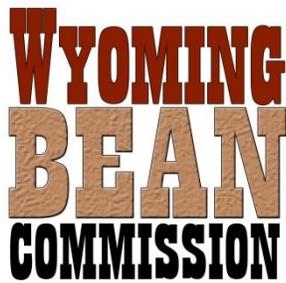
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- Contract Pricing – need 10 years historical contract price data from at least 3 main seed companies in requested area
- Looking at 2021 before it is in effect with only 75% chance to get it going. RMA will need approximately 1 year to review data and make decision.
- Letter from the WBC would be sufficient to state interest.
- 508-h Dry Bean Revenue Program to Wyo. Would need sufficient data to propose
- What is needed:
  - How many growers and acres will be insured
  - What types are most important / commonly grown
  - Are there good historical price data sources available in the region
  - Good grower group contact
  - Dry bean commission write a letter to RMA requesting that the dry bean revenue program be added to Wyoming
  - Contact watt's and associates
    - Primary contract Alex Offerdahl
    - [aofferdah@wattsandassociates.com](mailto:aofferdah@wattsandassociates.com)
    - 406-252-7776
- Discussion on reviewing RMA Dry bean final planting date review. Big Horn Basin date is June 5th, South East Wyoming date is June 15th.
  - Suggested changes must be submitted in writing by May 1<sup>st</sup>
- Dry bean council updates – Dale Heggem, payment has been made. WBC needs to appoint a board representative & alternative. Dale Heggem proposed we table this discussion until next meeting to allow time to think more on it.
- 2018 Report - Dale Heggem, WDA Grain Warehouse Auditor: 2018 Findings: Two companies not in compliance and have been addressed with those companies.
- Other mailings to growers – sending out with ballots in March
- Discussion on changes to submission date for researchers – applications/dates/etc.
  - January 15<sup>th</sup> date was perfect for researchers
  - Applications very helpful
- Legislative statute updates (discussion points, will address next meeting as action items)
  - Term limits (chairman)
    - Two terms long enough to learn/fulfill position? Do we need to lengthen/shorten it?
    - Beau Fulton suggested two year is a sufficient for a chairman position
  - Assessment Caps – discussion took place, further discussion at later date.
- Refund requests –
  - \$1035.39 Werbelow Brothers – Will need Kelley Bean remittance prior to paying refund. Wayne Hort motions to approve, Jeff Chapman seconded the motion to approve. Motion carries.
  - Scot Fegler – Teasdale food. \$835.21. Pascual Aguilar motions to approve refund, Wayne Hort seconded. Motion carries.
- **Election Process:**

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- Nomination results: 1 grower was nominated – Wayne Hort and no handlers nominated. Nominations are closed.
- Dale Heggem will need to get Attorney General’s interpretation on floor nominations versus Governor appointed seats due to lack of nominations.
- Chairman/co-chair elections got off schedule at some point in the past. Per Statute, those positions must be elected in the first meeting after July 1 and have been currently selected in February meeting. To get back on track, elections for Chair and Co-Chair are to be postponed until first meeting after July 1 to allow correction of election timeline.

*Next meeting date will be scheduled via email.*

**Public comment/ Board comment:** There were no additional comments.

**Adjournment:** 4:19 p.m.

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