

Wyoming Bean Commission
July 25, 2019
7:00 p.m.
Teleconference

Call to order – Beau Fulton at 7:04 p.m.

Roll Call- Beau Fulton, Jeff Chapman, Wayne Hort, Jerrod Lind, Dale Heggem
Others present on the call- JD Sater with the Wyoming Attorney General’s Office

Approval of the agenda – Jeff C. moved to approve the agenda, Wayne H. seconded. Motion carried

Approval of the minutes from March 6th, 2019 – Jeff C. moved to accept the minutes, Wayne H. seconded. Motion carried

Old Business – Dale H. informed the Commission that as of June 30 there was a cash balance of \$249,234 in the Bean Commissions budget

New Business – Dale H. updated the commission members on the status of the 2 open commission spots. Pascual Aguilar had applied to fill the open grower seat and Courtney Allen from ADM had applied to fill the open handler seat. Dale H. had been in touch with the Governor’s office regarding these open seats and the appointments and was informed that they hope to have them filled by mid-August.

A refund request from Ray Gimmeson for \$944.13 was received and reviewed by Dale H. An irregularity in the application caused Dale H. to request more information from Trinidad-Benham on the issue and it was found that the company had underpaid the bean commission by more than \$8,000. Trinidad-Benham had issued a check to the commission for the difference earlier that day. Upon examination of all records it was found that the amount requested originally by Ray Gimmeson was correct. Jeff C. moves to approve the refund for Ray Gimmeson, Wayne H. seconded. Motion carried.

A request was made from Jim Heitholt at the Powell Research Center to transfer funds of \$6,720 from the Cooperative Dry Bean Nursery (CBDN) grant at Lingle and have the funds transferred to the CBDN grant in place at Powell. Due to additional funding at the Lingle location the funds will not be used there and could provide assistance for a more in depth study at Powell. Jeff C. moves to approve the transfer the funds from the Lingle location to Powell. Wayne H. Seconded. Motion Carried.

Discussion was held regarding the Commission bringing legislation that would increase protection for grain producers in the state. Primarily, those that grow and sell on contracts as opposed to those that store grain and sell on the open market. Dale H. informed the Commission that he had been in touch with a few legislators and had sent them information regarding draft legislation that he had written years before. Dale will send the commission members the draft “grain dealer” and “grain indemnity” bills so that the commission members can look them over. Jeff C. had talked with Rep. Dan Laursen of Park County and had been informed that Rep. Laursen was interested in discussing the issue with the Joint Ag Committee at their next meeting which was September 5th & 6th in Laramie. The Commission discussed the idea of possibly sending a member to that meeting as well to provide information and support for possible legislation. Wayne H. made a motion that the Bean Commission to cover the costs

of sending two board members to Laramie to the Joint Ag meeting. Jeff C. seconded, motion carried. The commission agreed that this was a worthwhile effort that they should be supporting and that they would continue to work with Legislators and Dale on it.

Dale H. informed the Commission that the draft of the report requested by the Joint Appropriations Committee was complete and that copies of it had been emailed to each of the commission members. Dale asked if they would look through the draft report and provide feedback, if needed, to him in the next several days before the final report was sent.

Elections for the Chairman and vice-chair were held. Wayne H. nominated Jeff C. to as the Chairman and Beau F. as the Vice-Chairman. Jerrod L. Seconded. Motion carried.

Other Business – Beau F. mentioned that a grower had talked to him about the possibility of the Bean Commission providing funds to restart a packaging facility in the Big Horn Basin. Dale H. suggested that the statutes under which the Commission operates may not allow for such expenditure. As any interested part would need to apply for funding it was decided by the Commission to wait and see what, if any, requests were brought in the future before deciding the legality of such a request.

The issue of the collapsed irrigation tunnel in South East Wyoming was discussed. The Commission members asked if it would be possible for the Bean Commission to donate money to the relief effort. Dale H. let them know that he didn't think donating money to any cause would fall within the statutory language of the Commission.

Next Meeting – Dale H. recommended that the Commission meet via phone or video conference in the latter part of November to discuss possible changes to the grant application process and also any possible legislative changes that may come from the September Joint Ag meeting. A final date and time for the meeting will be determined as schedules allow.

Dale H. informed the Commission that the date for the usual meeting in Powell would be February 6th, 2020.

Board Comment – None

Public Comment – JD Sater mentioned that due to some recent changes in the legislation the Bean Commission will most likely need to have a person to serve as the "Public Records Appointee". Dale H. will discuss this further with JD.

Adjourn – Jerrod L. moved to adjourn the meeting. Wayne H. Seconded. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:24 p.m.