

Montana Potato Advisory Committee
Tuesday April 18, 2023
Via Zoom

The meeting was called to order by Chair, Paul Streich at 2:04 pm.

The chair called for public comment, no public comment at this time.

Roll Call- Those in attendance were:

Chair Paul Streich, Tim Lake, Jonathan Schutter, Laci Holbrook, David Cottom, and Director Christy Clark. Committee member Bill Buyan was absent.

Members of the public included Will Brunz, Jan Lake, Dr. Uta McKelvy with MSU, Dr. Paul Nugent with MSU, and Emma Tracy and Nina Zidack with MSU.

Department of Agriculture attendance included Andy Fjeseth, Cody Pearce, Sunni Hitchcock, and Dani Jones

Financial Report

- Cody Pearce presented the current budget. The committee has \$70,000 in grant authority. Paul Streich asked what the process is for raising the total grant authority based on the requests submitted. Cody shared with the committee that she and Sunni would take care of the process of raising grant authority when the funding has been decided.

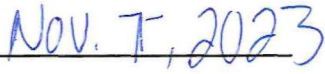
New Business

- 2023-2024 RFP Grant Application
 - “Canine Detection of Potato Virus Y, by Montana K9s” presented by Will Brunz. Requested amount \$40,900.00.
 - Dave Cottom made the motion to fully fund the project. Laci Holbrook 2nd the motion. Motion passed 3-1
 - “Optimization of qPCR method of detecting RVY in Tubers”, presented by Nina Zidack and Emma Tracy. Requested amount \$14,500.00.
 - Jonathan Schutter made the motion to fully fund the project. Tim Lake 2nd the motion. All in favor, motion passed.
 - “In-field hyperspectral detection of PVY-infected potato plants” presented by Dr. Paul Nugent. Requested amount \$38,583.00.
 - Tim Lake made the motion to fully fund the project. Laci Holbrook 2nd the motion. All in favor, motion passed.
 - “Laying the foundation for an effective research and extension program supporting Montana seed potato growers” presented by Dr. Uta McKelvy. Requested amount \$3,966.10.
 - Jonathan Schutter made the motion to fully fund the project. Dave Cottom 2nd the motion. All in favor, motion passed.
 - Total award amount \$97,949.10

- The chair called for public comment, no public comment at this time.
- Next committee meeting- during the regular November 2023 meeting in conjunction with MPI Seed Growers meeting.
- Chair Paul Streich adjourned the meeting at 2:55 pm.



Minutes Submitted by
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Date