

Montana Pulse Crop Committee
Tuesday March 17, 2020, 9:00am
Zoom Conference Meeting

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman Ryan Bogar at 9:03am

Introductions of those in attendance:

Committee Members:	Members of the Public:
Ryan Bogar- Chair	Tim McGreevy- USDPLC
Paul Kanning- Vice Chair	Drex Rhodes- USDPLC
Gordon Stoner- Member	Kim Murray, Froid MT
Jill Streit- Member	Eric Sommer, USDA/NAS, Helena MT
Colby Johnson- Member	Tara Becken- REAL Montana
Dr Srekalawa Bajwa- MSU Ag Dean	Brian Gion- NPG Staff
Matt Franks- Ex-Officio, Columbia Grain	Delores -NPG Staff
Ben Thomas- Ex Officio, Director Dept of Ag	Shannon -NPG Staff
	Jeff Rumney - USDPLC
Department Staff:	Lorri Brenneman- MT Ag in the Classroom
Cindy Trimp- CSD Administrator	Todd Scholz- USDPLC
Andy Fjeseth- ADD Bureau Chief	Russell Nemetz- Nemetz Communication
Weston Merrill- ADD Marketing Staff	Christian Orms- MT Premier Protein
Zach Coccoli- Department Attorney	
Christy Clark- Deputy Director	
Virginia Corbett- Director Assistant	
Dani Jones- ADD	

Ryan Bogar- Chair, Called for Public Comment
No public comment

Approval of Past Minutes:

- Gordon Stoner made the motion to accept the November 14, 2019 minutes as presented
- Jill Streit 2nd the motion, all in favor, motion passes

Jill Streit made the motion to listen to the grant presentations today and make the decisions to grant or deny the applicants at the June meeting.

Colby Johnson 2nd the motion, all in favor, motion passed

New Business:

Review budget and look at FY2020 projections- Cindy Trimp

- Discussed by Cindy Trimp
 - Gordon Stoner had a question about unspent money, Cindy Trimp explained that the unspent money is because some of last year's grant recipients that have not drawn funds
- Jill Streit made the motion to approve the budget as presented
 - Paul Kanning 2nd the motion, all in favor, motion passed

Grant Proposals:

- Eric Sommer, USDA/NASS
 - Requested amount- 1) \$22,500.00 2) \$1,600.00
- Lorri Brenneman, Montana Ag in the Classroom
 - Requested amount- \$21,114.00
- Tara Becken, REAL Montana
 - Requested amount- \$5,000.00
- Russell Nemetz, Nemetz Communications
 - Requested amount- 1) \$25,000.00 2) \$12,000.00
- Tim McGreevy, USDPLC
 - Requested amount- \$2,000,000.00
- Christian Orms, Montana
 - Requested amount- \$57,500.00

Department Update from Director Ben Thomas:

- Travel is being limited to only essential travel, both out of state and in state
- Limited planning for the next 8 weeks
- National and International travel is being canceled or limited
- Coronavirus update- flexing with impact, keeping essential services
- Oilseed update- committee applications are coming into the Helena office, second press release to go out to extend the deadline for more applications

USDPLC and NPGA Update:

Update from Tim McGreevy, Jeff Rumney, Becky Garrison, and Evie Chichnas
(timing expired and they were cut off)

Expiring Terms:

Paul Kanning and Jill Streit- Applications for reappointment have been sent to the governor's office

Ryan Bogar asked for Public Comment
No public Comment

The next Pulse Meeting will be Tuesday June 9, 2020 in Great Falls Montana, (Tentative).
Weston Merrill will be in touch with the committee

Gordon Stoner made a motion to adjourn the meeting
Jill Streit 2nd the motion, all in favor, motion passed

Meeting was adjourned at 12:33 pm

Dani Jones, Department of Agriculture

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