

PA PEACH AND NECTARINE RESEARCH PROGRAM BOARD MEETING
Minutes of the February 2, 2022
Mid-Atlantic Convention

Public notice of the February 2, 2022 Pennsylvania Peach and Nectarine Research Program Board Meeting was given as stipulated by the Sunshine Law.

CALL TO ORDER

Norman Schultz, Chair, called the meeting to order at 7:18 a.m. Board members in attendance included Tad E. Kuntz, Vice Chair; Mike Kurek, Wayne Hollabaugh; Jeremy Zeager; Tyler Fetters; and Henry Frecon.

Dean Spencer was absent.

Attending were Patrick Andrews, Chief of Market Development; Lindsay Young, Senior Manager, McKonly and Asbury; Char Riley, Department of Agriculture Liaison PDA and ACMA; and Laura England, Director, Bureau of Market Development.

Destiny Zeiders, Executive Director, PA House of Representatives; Eve Adrian, Executive Policy Specialist 2, on behalf of Mike Ross, Policy Office; and Dr. Norm Lalancette were also present.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

RESOLUTION 2022.1 -APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Presented by: Henry Frecon

Seconded by: Wayne Hollabaugh

Passed: Unanimously.

To approve the July 7, 2021 meeting minutes.

REVIEW FINANCIALS

Lindsay Young, McKonly and Asbury, referred Board members to the Balance Sheet and Profit and Loss Previous Year Comparisons as of December 31, 2021 for further discussion. There were questions regarding total 2021 assessment collections and accounts payable.

Ms. Young referred to the Agreed upon Procedures performed as of June 30, 2021. She noted that Garcia, Garman and Shea requested a backup file of all data and support, copies of bank statements, deposit ledgers and checks that cleared the bank. Ms. Young commented there were no outstanding items or recommendations for adjustments at this time. There was further discussion regarding cash disbursements.

Mr. Andrews commented that the new Bureau of Audits in the Office of the Budget also had no issues and no recommendations.

Information with regard to the 15 delinquent accounts noted in the Assessment Report was requested. A list of the assessed growers was also requested.

RESOLUTION 2022.2 -APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL REPORT

Presented by: Tad Kuntz

Seconded by: Jeremy Zeager

Passed: Unanimously.

To approve the Financial Report as presented.

RESOLUTION 2022.3 -APPROVAL OF AUDIT REPORT

Presented by: Wayne Hollabaugh

Seconded by: Henry Frecon

Passed: Unanimously.

To approve the Agreed upon Procedures as presented.

ASSESSMENTS

Mr. Andrews noted that all monies have been collected for 2020 and a significant amount is expected to come in for 2021. He referred members to the Assessment Report for further review.

RESOLUTION 2022.4 -APPROVAL OF ASSESSMENT REPORT

Presented by: Tyler Fetters

Seconded by: Mike Kurek

Passed: Unanimously.

To approve the Assessment Report.

PROPOSALS; N. LALANCETTE AND H. GOHIL

Dr. Norman Lalancette, Agricultural Research and Extension Center, Rutgers University, stated the U.S.D.A. Peach Handbook contains the different varieties of peaches and six susceptibility ratings which he noted to be very accurate. He had discussion regarding the difference between the highly susceptible and the susceptible varieties. He talked about the goal of the study, specific objectives and benefits. Dr. Lalancette commented that due to COVID no studies

were done in 2020 but hopes to provide data this year. He noted the proposal remains the same.

There was further discussion regarding the proposed project. Mr. Andrews indicated that the Board has not been invoiced for approximately \$5,000 of Dr. Lalancette's previous grant.

Ms. Young offered additional information regarding the Assessment Report for the 2020 and 2021 marketing seasons. A total of 18 checks were written for July of 2020 through June of 2021. Balances as of December 31, 2021 were reviewed. Two larger payments were made to Penn State in July of 2021 and August 16, 2021.

Members were referred to the proposal submitted by Dr. Gohil, who requested additional funds to continue evaluation.

The amount for the two projects totals \$12,235.

RESOLUTION 2022.5 -APPROVAL OF FUNDING

Presented by: Wayne Hollabaugh

Seconded by: Henry Frecon

Passed: Unanimously.

To fully fund both research projects in the amount of \$12,235.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Andrews explained the meaning of a Request For Application (RFA) and Request For Proposals (RFPs), which he stated are published in the Pennsylvania Bulletin. There was further discussion.

Holly Zarefoss, Clerk 2, responded with further information regarding the Assessment Report. She reported that if the 15 delinquents report the same acreage, it would be 328.8 acres, which is \$2,630.40.

Ms. Riley noted an email of all the research topics was sent to all members in August. She noted dates available in July for the next meeting. Members agreed to the next meeting being held virtually on Monday, July 11, 2022.

Mr. Andrews will send the surveys out in May so they are received back in time. He stated annual statements to pay the assessments will be sent out early August and per Board regulations are due October 1, notice to delinquents will go out in October and the legal notice will go out in November via certified mail.

ADJOURN

RESOLUTION 2022.6-ADJOURNMENT

Presented by: Henry Frecon

Seconded by: Jeremy Zeager

Passed: Unanimously.

To adjourn the meeting.

Those people interested in the vacant position will be contacted directly.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:23 a.m.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Hannah Bartkowski", written over a horizontal line.

Hannah Bartkowski

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