

PEACH AND NECTARINE RESEARCH PROGRAM BOARD MEETING
Minutes of the January 29, 2020 Board Meeting
Hershey Lodge and Convention Center
Cocoa Board Room
325 University Drive
Hershey, PA 17033

Public notice of the January 29, 2020 Pennsylvania Peach and Nectarine Research Program Board Meeting was given on January 7, 2020, as stipulated by the Sunshine Law.

CALL TO ORDER

Norm Schultz, Vice Chair, called the meeting to order at 7:19 a.m. Board members in attendance included Tad E. Kuntz, Tyler Fetters, Wayne Hollabaugh, Henry Frecon, and Mike Kurek.

Absent: Sheila Gantz, Chair

Also attending were Patrick Andrews, Board Liaison to the Department of Agriculture; Lindsay Young, Senior Manager, McKonly and Asbury; Char Riley, Administrative Assistant, Commodities and Marketing; Laura England, Director, Bureau of Market Development; Morgan Sheffield, Specialty Crop Grant Coordinator; Norman LaLancette, Rutgers University; and James Schupp, PSU.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

RESOLUTION 2020.01 -APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Presented by: Wayne Hollabaugh

Seconded by: Tad E. Kuntz

Passed: Unanimously.

To approve the July 10, 2019 meeting minutes.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Lindsay Young, Senior Manager, McKonly and Asbury, referred Board members to the P&N Assessment Report through January 16, 2020, for further discussion. She noted just under \$20,000 had been collected for the 2018 marketing season, approximately \$7,100 from audit payments from 31 growers. No delinquent accounts remained.

Ms. Young noted that approximately \$18,500 had been collected for the 2019 marketing season, including approximately \$5,900 from audit payments from 31 growers. No delinquent accounts remained.

Ms. Young referred to the program's Profit and Loss Statement from July through December 2019 and the Balance Sheet for further discussion. There were questions and comments.

RESOLUTION 2020.02 -APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL REPORT

Presented by: Henry Frecon

Seconded by: Tyler Fetters

Passed: Unanimously.

To approve the Financial Report as amended.

ASSESSMENT COLLECTIONS/AUDIT REPORT/FUTURE RFPs

Previously discussed. RFPs would be discussed later in the meeting.

MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT

There were no issues with mileage reimbursement. This item will be removed from the next agenda.

FARM VITALITY

Morgan Sheffield, Specialty Crop Grant Coordinator, referred to information regarding the Standards and Requirements for the Agricultural Business Development Center Farm Vitality Planning Grant Program for further discussion. She indicated the program allows for reimbursement of up to \$7,500 with a 25 percent match and detailed the objectives set forth in the program. Ms. Sheffield noted the deadline was April 23, 2020 and was on a first come, first served basis.

Mr. Andrews referred to the DCED.pa.gov website for further information regarding the matter.

2020 RESEARCH PROJECT PROPOSALS

James Schupp, Professor of Horticulture at Penn State University, presented before the Board for discussion of his proposal regarding Regional On-Farm Trials with Controller and Krymsk 86 Rootstocks. He would soon be presenting results of the rootstock trials at the fruit center.

Mr. Schupp explained the 2020 Proposal was to establish on-farm trials with three size controlling rootstocks and one standard rootstock. He discussed primary goals and objectives of the project, planting procedures, results and conclusions. Mr. Schupp stated the funds being requested were to purchase the trees from Sierra Gold Nursery, ship them from California to Pennsylvania, and then organize and catalog the plantings. He explained that the same

proposal had been placed with the SHAP Extension Committee, not to "double dip", but just in case the project could not be fully funded by Pennsylvania's research program. Mr. Schupp discussed the different peach varieties.

Dr. Norman LaLancette, Associate Professor of Plant Pathology, Rutgers Agricultural Research and Extension Center, presented before the Board for discussion of his proposal regarding Management of Peach Bacterial Spot: Integration of Biorational Bactericides and Cultivar Resistance - Year 2. Dr. Norman provided a brief introduction of his project and discussed the integrated management results. He noted the major objectives of the proposals and discussed experimental treatments that would be applied. Included in his presentation was a report that summarized Year 1 of the study.

Board members discussed the proposals and grant awards for both projects. Research invoicing was also addressed.

RESOLUTION 2020.03 -MOTION TO FUND BOTH PROJECTS

Presented by: Wayne Hollabaugh

Seconded by: Mike Kurek

Passed: Unanimously.

To fully fund both proposals in their entirety.

BOARD MEMBER TERMS EXPIRATION 06/30/2020

Members discussed term expirations and Board vacancies. Nomination forms would soon be distributed. It was suggested that Jeremy from Highland Orchards, Dave Peters, Peters Orchard, and Mike Flinchbaugh of Flinchbaugh's Orchard be contacted again. It was suggested that the new owner of the Cherry Hill Orchard be contacted as well as John Wenk, who had expressed interest in the past.

PROCUREMENT PROCEDURES

Mr. Andrews discussed the possibility of publishing an RFP in addition to emails to invite additional applications. He noted that each board was to create its own procurement procedures for grants and referred members to information regarding those procedures and marketing activities for review and discussion. Mr. Andrews noted a copy of a blank contract would be sent to all members ahead of the July 2020 meeting to be ratified at that time.

RESOLUTION 2020.04 -MOTION TO ACCEPT PROCUREMENT PROCEDURES FOR AUDITING SERVICES

Presented by: Tad E. Kuntz

Seconded by: Henry Frecon

Passed: Unanimously.

To approve procurement procedures for auditing services as discussed.

It was noted that Emily Weaver from Penn State would be added to the July agenda for discussion of the Field Watch.

SCHEDULE NEXT MEETING DATE

The next meeting is a conference call scheduled for Wednesday, July 8, 2020, from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m.

RESOLUTION 2020.05 -ADJOURNMENT

Presented by: Tad E. Kuntz

Seconded by: Tyler Fetters

Passed: Unanimously.

To adjourn the meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:58 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted:



Morgan McKendrick

January 29, 2020