

PEACH AND NECTARINE RESEARCH PROGRAM BOARD MEETING
Minutes of the July 8, 2020 Skype Board Meeting

Public notice of the July 8, 2020 Pennsylvania Peach and Nectarine Research Program Board Meeting was provided as stipulated by the Sunshine Law.

CALL TO ORDER

Sheila Gantz, Chair, called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m. Board members in attendance included Norman Schultz, Vice Chair; Mike Kurek, Tad E. Kuntz, Wayne Hollabaugh; Dean Spencer; and Jeremy Zeager.

Absent: Tyler Fetters, Henry Frecon.

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

John Howard, Esquire, Chief Counsel, and Dr. Norman LaLancette were not present.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

RESOLUTION 2020.06 -APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Presented by: Norman Schultz

Seconded by: Tad E. Kuntz

Passed: Unanimously.

To approve the January 29, 2020 meeting minutes.

Mr. Andrews reiterated the discussion at the last meeting regarding either adoption of the generic procurement procedures or suggestion of different procurement procedures.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Lindsay Young, Senior Manager, McKonly and Asbury, referred Board members to the P&N Balance Sheet and Income Statement as of May 31, 2020, and the Profit and Loss as of July 2019 through May of 2020 for further discussion.

RESOLUTION 2020.07 -APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL REPORT

Presented by: Wayne Hollabaugh

Seconded by: Mike Kurek

Passed: Unanimously.

To approve the Financial Report with corrections noted.

ASSESSMENT COLLECTIONS

Ms. Young referred to the P&N Assessment Report as of May 31, 2020, for further discussion. She indicated that \$19,917.52 was collected for the 2018 marketing season; \$7,155.60 from audit payments with zero (0) delinquents remaining; and \$18,549.68 was collected for the 2019 marketing season, \$5,908 from audit payments with zero (0) delinquents remaining.

BUDGET 2020-2021

Board members discussed the '20-'21 Budget.

RESOLUTION 2020.08 -APPROVAL OF BALANCE FOR RESEARCH

Presented by: Tad E. Kuntz

Seconded by: Mike Kurek

Passed: Unanimously.

To approve the \$14,450 balance for research.

WELCOMING DEAN AND JEREMY

Chair Gantz welcomed new Board members Dean Spencer and Jeremy Zeager, who introduced themselves for the record. Each provided their locations and information regarding their peach and nectarine crops.

FIELD WATCH

Emily Weaver, researcher, Penn State University, offered a PowerPoint presentation with regard to Field Watch, a company that promotes communication, cooperation, and collaboration in conjunction with the PA Department of Agriculture. She discussed the three voluntary mapping tools, including DriftWatch, BeeCheck and CropCheck. Ms. Weaver indicated the program was developed at Purdue University in Indiana in response to pesticide drift issues that had been occurring across the U.S., particularly where there was a lot of large scale conventional farming. She noted the registration information could be found at FieldWatch.com or info@fieldwatch.com. Any questions can be emailed to Ms. Weaver at enw114@psu.edu. Ms. Riley will email this contact information to all Board members.

REGIONAL ON-FARM TRIALS WITH CONTROLLER & KRYMSK86 ROOTSTOCK COVID-19 UPDATE

Dr. James Schupp, scientist with Penn State University located at the Fruit Research and Extension Center in Biglerville, PA, updated the Board with regard to a peach rootstock trial initiated with funds from the Peach and Nectarine Program in 2020. He noted the four rootstocks include controller 6, 7, 8 and Krymsk 86 developed at the University of California, Davis, and distributed to 10 farms within the Commonwealth. He stated the group worked with

containerized trees, and ended up short on controllers 7 and 8 and long on Krymsk 86 and Controller 6. Dr. Schupp indicated two of the growers, who originally signed up for the trial, dropped out. One only wanted a half planting. Two were contacted from the waiting list and two were recruited by PSU Extension Educators.

Dr. Schupp indicated the trial had a rough start. He discussed some of the challenges dealt with, including over five days in the back of a tractor trailer from California losing the original leaves but surviving. He thanked all who helped get the trees quickly distributed. Dr. Schupp answered questions from Board members.

MANAGEMENT OF PEACH BACTERIAL SPOT-YEAR 2 COVID-19 UPDATE

Ms. Riley stated Dr. Norman LaLancette sent an email indicating that he would not be present at today's meeting as there had not been any updates or changes to report due to the pandemic.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Andrews noted the new contract containing the auditing services would be sent to the Board, and the contract for those services would have to be addressed at the next meeting.

SCHEDULE NEXT MEETING DATE

The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for Wednesday February 3, 2021 at 7:00.

Chair Gantz clarified that Board member Dean Spencer's farm is located in Berks County and not Somerset County. Some Board members discussed the price each is charging for boxes of peaches.

RESOLUTION 2020.09 -ADJOURNMENT

Presented by: Norman Schultz

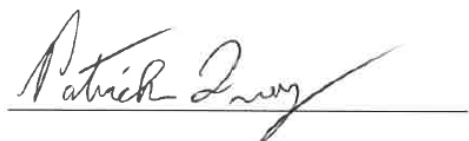
Seconded by: Tad E. Kuntz

Passed: Unanimously.

To adjourn the meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:23 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Patrick Troy", is written over a horizontal line.

Patrick Troy, July 8, 2020