

Montana Potato Advisory Committee  
Tuesday November 1, 2022  
Holiday Inn Downtown, Missoula MT

The meeting was called to order by Chair, Paul Streich at 11:08am.

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

**Roll Call-** Those in attendance were:

Chair Paul Streich, Vice Chair Tim Venhuizen, Tim Lake, Jonathan Schutter, Laci Holbrook, Bill Buyan, David Cottom.  
Members of the public included Jolene Brush, Steve Cottom, Dan Lake, and Nina Zidack with MSU.  
Department of Agriculture attendance included Larry Krum, Laurie Neuman, Ed Evanson, Andy Fjeseth, Cody Pearce, and Dani Jones

**Meeting Minutes from November 9, 2021**

- Jonathan Schutter made the motion to approve the meeting minutes from the November 9, 2021, meeting. Bill Buyan 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

**Financial Report**

- Cody Pearce presented the FY 2022-2023 Budget. The RFP that was awarded in 2021 was turned back to the committee, \$70,000. It was discussed to add the hundred weight numbers to the budget sheet. Larry Krum will get the information to Cody Pearce. Tim Venhuizen made the motion to approve the budget as presented. Tim Lake 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. All in favor, motion carried.
- 2023-2024 Advertising budget was presented by Tim Lake. Which included magazines and trade shows, the amount is a little higher than the previous year. The committee will contact Carli Hughbanks to see if she would be interested in helping to rebrand the committee's booth screens and images. Tim Venhuizen made the motion to approve the advertising and trades shows as presented. Laci Holbrook 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

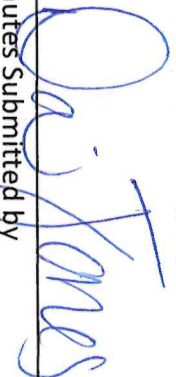
**New Business**

- 2023 RFP Grant Application- "Reverse Osmosis Water Supply to the MSU Potato Lab" presented by Nina Zidack. Starting January 1, 2023, through December 31, 2023, asking \$9,000.00. Nina asked the committee to waive the match funds. There is an RO system in place on the first floor. MSU recommended to pipe from the first floor to the potato lab for use of the existing RO system. Other funds have been secured to help with the costs of this system. Bill Buyan made a motion to approve the funding, Tim Venhuizen 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. All in favor, motion carried.
- Larry Krum updated the committee on that he is working with a retired group to find inspectors. Larry met with Colter Brown this summer for 30-second radio ads for seasonal inspectors. Radio coverage included Bozeman, Dillon, and Butte. Expenses are down. Larry has not done the inspector survey to see if the inspectors will be returning. May not have the lead inspector back next year. No fee increase is needed currently.

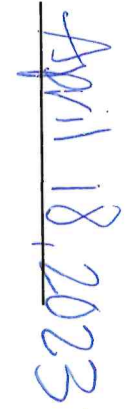
- Assessment was reviewed, it is currently 2.5 cents per hundred weights. Tim Venhuizen made a motion to keep the current assessment. Johnathan Schutter 2<sup>nd</sup> motion. All in favor, motion passed.
- Leadership Institute- It was discussed that Ben DeJonge will be the new candidate going to the DC Fly In. Jason Kimm and Laci Holbrook will be the returning candidates for the DC Fly In. Tim Lake made the motion to fund the candidates at the appropriate level of spending, capped around the \$5000 level for the new candidate and \$3000 for the returning candidates. Jonathan Schutter 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion, all in favor. Motion passed.
- Travel Plans for 2023. Tim Lake and Dan Lake will be attending the DC Summit. Tim Lake will be attending the Potato Expo. Laci Holbrook made the motion to approve travel. Dave Cottom 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. All in favor, motion passed. Committee members traveling will work with Dani Jones on the appropriate travel forms needed for reimbursement.

#### Other Business

- Committee Appointments- Three committee members' terms will expire 3/1/2023: Tim Venhuizen, Bill Buyan, and Dave Cottom.
  - Reappointments- Tim Venhuizen will reapply for another term.
  - New applicants- The committee provided Dani Jones will contact those that might be interested.
- Tim Venhuizen made the motion to keep Paul Streich as chair. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tim Lake. All in favor, motion passed.
- Tim Lake made the motion to keep Tim Venhuizen as the vice chair. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Johnathan Schutter. All in favor, motion passed.
- The committee discussed releasing their RFP in January 2023, closing in February 2023, and awarding in March 2023 to line up with the hiring of a new plant pathologist at MSU Potato Lab. Tim Lake made the motion to have Dani Jones and Nina Zidack review the wording on the current RFP and update the information for the release in early 2023, Bill Buyan 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. All in favor, motion passed. The RFP listing will be on the WebGrants website. Funding meetings in March can be done via zoom.
- The chair called for public comment, no public comment at this time.
- Next committee meeting- February/March 2023 for the RFP, meeting can be held over Zoom. Followed by the regular November meeting in conjunction with MPI Seed Growers meeting.
- At 12:43pm Bill Buyan made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Tim Lake 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. All in favor, meeting adjourned.

Minutes Submitted by 

Dani Jones, AGR ADD Division

  
Date April 18, 2023