

Washington State Commission on Pesticide Registration

March 9th, 2010

General Meeting

Byron Phillips, Chair

WSU Puyallup Research and Extension Center
Puyallup, WA

Approved Minutes

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Present at Washington State University Chicono Meeting room were:

Byron Phillips Chair, Bob Berger, Nursery/landscape, Cheryl Talbert, Forest Protection, Brian Cieslar, Berry, Judson Hedine, Vegetable & Seed, Mark Knutzen, Potato, Erik Johansen, WSDA, Harvey Yoshida, AgChem Industry, Trent Munden, Food Processors, Alan Schreiber, Administrator Aria Brookshire, Assistant Administrator, Laurie Wishkoski, former Assistant Administrator

No public members were present

The meeting was to order by Chair Phillips at 10:04 am.

Minutes

Chair Phillips called the meeting to order and introduced our new members.

Alan Schreiber introduced the new Assistant Administrator, Aria Brookshire. Alan explained that Dr. Ralph Cavalieri, our WSU Liaison would be calling in shortly to provide a short WSU update.

Chair Phillips provided information regarding the last meeting minutes. Explaining that there were technical difficulties with the recording and therefore the meeting minutes may be incomplete but have been reconstructed as best as possible.

Chair Phillips asked if anyone had any suggestions, or corrections to please provide them to Aria Brookshire so corrections could be made.

<i>Trent Munden moved to accept the meeting minutes with changes</i>
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Cheryl Talbert second the motion –

Motion carries to approve December minutes with proposed changes

Legislative Issues

Teleconference Dr. Ralph Cavalieri:

Dr. Cavalieri stated that our state is in the midst of revising the budget. Currently, the Senate is asking for a 6.3% reduction and the House is asking for a 4% reduction. Dr. Cavalieri's sources indicated that it will probably be somewhere in the middle, and we should expect to see a possible 5% reduction. This is the state's general fund appropriations.

Alan Schreiber asked how this will affect Agriculture Research. Dr. Cavalieri stated that the WSU president will handle the reductions individually. July 1st is when the cuts will be finalized but some programs may have their budget information before then. Dr. Cavalieri expects the normal 4-6.3% reduction at the most and doesn't feel that Ag Research will be treated any different than any other program.

Dr. Cavalieri also went on to explain the new cost savings regarding WSU covering benefit for grants provided to WSU employees or students. This program is only for WSU employees or students who receive grants through WSCPR.

Chair Phillips asked if there were any other questions for Dr. Cavalieri.

Alan Schreiber stated that \$109,222 in grant funds came back to WSCPR due to the policy change of WSU providing for WSU employee and student benefits. It was asked if all members understand why the funds came back and who is eligible. All members now understand the new policy.

End Call with Dr. Cavalieri:

Alan Schreiber stated that lobbyist; Charlie Brown will be calling in at 11:00 am to provide an additional update on the state legislative session.

Financial Report

Alan Schreiber went over the financial report as it had been mailed out. Alan explained that in 1999 the total funding was one million a year for operations and grants. This year the amount was \$758,000. Operating expenses were 12% less. Alan explained that most of the normal operating costs are taken care of by ADG, Inc office overhead. Tour expense should be about the same as last year -\$21,000.00. We expect \$7,000 from registration, \$7,000 from sponsors, and \$7,000 from the commission. The largest expense is travel and meetings; however, we are on budget and expect to be for the remaining meetings.

Alan also reminded the commission members that travel expenses to and from the meeting are covered. We have travel reimbursement forms that are available to all members who need reimbursement. We do have a “per-diem” reimbursement, but most people prefer to just be reimbursed for their actual costs. Alan explained also that we are expecting another \$2,000 expense reimbursement check from WSU that we should receive soon.

Operating expenses: Alan explained we try and run the tour so a small percentage of funds go into a checking account to pay for things that are not covered by WSU. These funds are used for promotions like bottles and tee-shirts etc...The funds in this account will start going up as we get closer to Tour in June/July. We spent less than 12% of our operating expense due to the shared overhead cost for ADG.

Profit and Loss/Balance sheet: Alan explained the check details, explaining that he does not charge the commission for local travel or when he has to do business with any other commission or business when the meeting is on the way. Note to check 1587: Alan explains that this was a reimbursement to him as he personally paid for his lodging with his personal credit card. Some check numbers are missing; these checks are ones that have been voided due to technical errors (printer jam etc.).

Chair Phillips asked about the \$109,000 coming back from WSU. Alan explained that those funds are not reflected in this report as they are not part of our checking account. He went on to explain the difference between WSU funds and WSCPR funds.

Legislative Issues:

11:00 Call with Charlie Brown

Mr. Brown introduced himself to the commission. (Charlie Brown is a lobbyist in Olympia who is providing an update on the legislation budget session).

Alan asked Mr. Brown his feeling on what the house and senate might be feeling towards WSU and budget cuts. Mr. Brown indicated that everyone is going to take a budget cut during this session and no one is being singled out. He feels the senate understands the importance of Ag Research and feels that there will be more cuts in teachers’ salaries than in research. If WSU takes a cut then everyone will take a cut. No one department will be line itemed out.

Teleconference ends:

Resume financial Report:

<i>Bob Berger moved to approve the financial report. .</i>
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<i>Trent Munden seconds the motion</i>
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<i>The vote was called for. The financial report was approved unanimously.</i>
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Administrator's Report

Alan Schreiber reports that the commission received a budget cut last cycle. WSCPR kept ADG, Inc. funding the same, but they gave ADG, Inc. additional administrative duties. We stopped paying WSU Pesticide Notification Network \$55,000 per year and gave those responsibilities to WSCPR. The PNN is continuing in a reduced form.

Compendium report

Alan Schreiber provided an update on the compendium of Washington agriculture report. Review of every crop in the state, crops that were done three years are being redone. The ones in italics are the ones in process or we have yet to do. These are seed crops we are waiting for Du Toit's report. Most everything will be done in the next few days. Then it will start again in the fall and we will do another 80-90 over the next year.

Presentation

Dr. Steve Booth for Chris Grue. Project proposal 10AN038 "Oysters/Burrowing Shrimp" Reconsideration proposal. This was denied last December due to poor matching funds. They have now received matching funding and are here to submit the proposal again for consideration.

Dr. Booth provided a PowerPoint presentation and provides an overall discussion about the burrowing shrimp/oyster situation and the research proposal.

Discussion after Dr. Booth's report centers on the previous performance of this researcher and requests by the commission have not been met.

Chair Phillips suggests that perhaps a letter from WSCPR to the oyster growers that outlines the concerns for WSCPR may be appropriate.

<i>Bob Berger moves to accept the revised proposal of 10AN038 for funding</i>

<i>Erik Johansen seconds the motion</i>

1 Nay (Trent Munden) 1 non vote (6/1)

<i>Motion Carries</i>

Structural Pest Control Facility (Puyallup)

Speaker: Carrie Foss, WSU

Carrie explains that the goal of the facility is to train professionals to reduce the number of inaccurate wood-destroying organism inspections and reduce the potential health risks from unnecessary or improper pesticide applications. A trained workforce of structural pest inspectors and pest management professionals will be more knowledgeable about identification of structural

pests, conditions conducive to pest infestations, and integrated pest management (IPM) techniques.

Courses have been extremely popular and only show an increase in attendance.

Pest Management Professionals: Hands-On Workshops.

The WSU Urban IPM Program is now offering a series of hands-on workshops for Pest Management Professionals. Bed Bug Inspection and Management Inspection and management techniques are demonstrated in a 'bedbug conducive' situation. Technicians learn about bed bug biology and behavior, pest prevention, inspections, and effective management techniques. Insect Identification Workshop is a four-hour workshop that focuses on the distinguishing characteristics of common insect orders. Participants learn "eye ball" characteristics that will be useful in the field or lab and also how to use an insect key. This workshop includes a practice session on insect identification using hand lenses and microscopes. "Meet the Beetles" workshop helps people learn to distinguish WDOs from non-WDOs. They also learn about other commonly encountered species and about how to collect and preserve specimens. Participants have the opportunity to use microscopes and insect keys, too. Attendees are encouraged to bring several unknown beetle specimens to class. "IPM and the Pest Management Professional" Specific inspections and accurate problem identification are critical first steps prior to making an application. Also consider the effective IPM methods, such as eliminating conducive conditions. Assess the site to determine what precautions will be necessary when making a pesticide application. Improve pest management and customer relations by learning tips and techniques from experienced pest management professionals.

Structural Pest Inspectors: Hands-on Training Courses. Rules and Identification

One of the best opportunities to find and identify WDO insects in their natural environment. Learn how to do a complete WDO inspection and report as well as how to identify structural pests and their damage. Tour and report WDO findings at the WSU Structural Pest IPM Facility. Discover which WDOs damage structures in the Northwest. Individual, group, and instructor-led discussions provide ample opportunities for learning about WDOs, how they thrive in conducive conditions, and writing accurate reports. "*WDO Damage and Evidence*" Participants find out how to prepare essential WDO inspection reports and diagrams. This class also covers WDO activity and structural damage. Participants conduct on-site inspections in two buildings and prepare reports on their findings. Extensive inspection, discussion, and in-class report writing techniques are covered.

Tour Report:

Alan Schreiber provides the 2010 WSCPR Tour Report. The Tour is the single biggest thing that the WSCPR does. It is a tremendous amount of work. Last year was the lowest attendance ever. The commission discussed the time period of this year's Tour and it was agreed that the last week of July (July 26, 27, 28, 29) would be the tour dates.

Administrative Contract:

The contract between WSCPR and A. Alan Schreiber, DBA Agricultural Development Group, Inc. is passed out to committee members for review.

Alan Schreiber went over the contract costs and what funds ADG fronts and then is reimbursed according to the contract.

Bob Berger suggests that we add after built point “Complete review of all commission projects” “As requested by the commission”.

Chair Phillips suggested a change to the “Support Services” section to also add “As requested by the Commission”.

Bob Berger also suggested adding a new line for “Contract Extension” on page 3 to provide for “one year extension as agreed to by the parties”

Bob Berger moves to accept the Administrative Contract with the proposed changes

Bob Berger wants to add that this motion is contingent on our funding in June. If our funding is reduced more than that 6-7% then we will need to readdress the Administrative Contract.

Judson Hedine seconds the motion

Motion Carries

Upcoming meetings

Chair Phillips addresses perhaps having 2 funding sessions or a floating meeting. It was suggested that this be readdressed at the June 1st meeting. It may be more appropriate to have the funding meeting in January instead of December. It was agreed that this will be addressed at the June 1st meeting in Prosser

June 1st Prosser, WA

New Business

None

Bob Berger moved to adjourn the meeting.

Harvey Yoshida seconded the motion.

Motion carries – Meeting adjourned 3:14 PM