

**Washington State Commission on Pesticide Registration**

**June 2, 2011  
Quarterly Meeting- Approved Minutes  
Washington State University  
Prosser, WA**

Chair Ben Barstow presiding.

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

Commissioners Present: Harvey Yoshida, Brian Cieslar, Ben Barstow, Bob Berger, Judson Hedine, Keith Oliver, Doug Walsh, Trent Munden

Staff Present: Alan Schreiber and Amanda Bragg

Liaison Present: Ralph Cavalieri, WSU (video conference)

Guest Present:

**Approval of Minutes**

Chair Barstow asked for any changes or corrections to the minutes. Byron is not a guest he is a commission member. Alan asked if anyone remembers who moved to approve the minutes at the March 15 meeting. No one remembers.

*Bob Berger moved to approve the minutes as corrected. Harvey Yoshida seconds the motion. Motion carries.*

**Financial Report:**

Alan states that the commission is looking at approximately a 26% budget cut and should expect this to be in place approximately July. Alan explained the fiscal year for WSCPR. There has been very little activity going on. He went through expenses. No income has been received since the last meeting. WSU has not yet taken out the funds for their fiscal specialist. Alan went over the check detail. The legislature had really big issues to get through financially. They balanced a lot of the money using education. In this legislative biennium, state support for WSU is cut 50% therefore they will not be able to continue as they have been. Alan suspects that WSU is going to have to make a cut but this will be offset increases. He

believes we will get cut up to 26% of the funds going to College of Ag. However the commission will feel it.

*Jud Hedine moves to accept the financial reports. Bob Berger seconded the motion. Motion carries.*

## **Administrator's Report/Tour Report**

### Administrator's Report

Legislature passed a bill that included moving the nominating authority from us to the WSDA. The governor's office is expected to sign it. There is one ongoing issue in which the governor's office has a policy of enforcing term limits of 6 years and 2 terms. This creates issues that would force people off the commission. Alan has been working with the Department of Ag in educating them about this commission. They do not deal with most commissions like WSCPR so they do not understand how the commission works. Alan requests the Department of Ag to treat us as they do other commissions. They are working on processing this information. Alan explained what would happen if they do not allow it. Alan stated the bill is in the process to be signed but not scheduled. By law it has to be done this month and will go into effect July 1.

### Tour

Alan listed the attendees for the tour. We have the bus and hotels booked and are working on catering. Alan went through the agenda giving details of each stop.

## **Presentation: WSU Weather Station and Predictive Modeling of Pests: What Does This Mean In A Year of Unusual Weather- Gary Grove**

This consists of a system of 130 weather stations throughout the state. Powdery mildew on hops, grapes, and cherries. Keeps track of 3 components and gives a regional summary model for each produce. Secondary Infection Risk Index for each station which predicts risk for 5 days ahead once the primary infection sets. They are finding new ways to deliver information such as push technology (keeps people from needing a computer or go to a web browser). AgAlerts- set alert for each station, Ag weather net- can choose several stations. This will be a mobile web browser for most commonly used technologies. People can use it to receive an alert for temperature, precipitation, wind, etc (including the option to leave a message on their voicemail). Beta group never needed to go back to the web once they started getting the alerts.

## **2011 Legislature/Implications for WSU and WSCPR Budget**

Ralph Cavalieri joined and discussed that the Governor is reviewing the budget cuts before signing. The Governor cannot add cuts but only veto them. Compromised bill reduces WSU appropriation. This bill represents a 26% reduction. Legislature is making choices while seeing an opportunity to increase tuition to offset cuts to universities. They also increased financial aid

for those who cannot afford it. Last year there was a reduction to WSCPR and then there was an additional flaw back of cash which causes the current amount of money to be \$625,515. \$669,072 would be the budget if there was no new reduction. \$495,113 is expected to be the new budget with the 26% cut, which is a reduction of \$173,958. WSU President Floyd will announce to the university the over-all strategy in August. Announcement will have no bearing on WSCPR as it is a separate flow through item. There is an expected 6-8% reduction in the university's income. Current biennium cut is 21.4%. Alan addresses that he believes they are applying the cuts and tuition where they want. This 26% reduction is not final and will not be final until August when the president makes the announcement. Bob Berger asks if there are any other entities similar to the commission that has their money passed through WSU. Doug Walsh asked if we could convey the message to the pres how much the graduate students rely on this commission. Harvey suggested that we use that argument to get some tuition money to support the budget. Ralph will request the number of students supported from the commission in the past. They will assign a reduction number to different departments. Chair Barstow asks whether the commission would like to make a budget now or wait until August when we have the reduction. Alan suggested everyone gets together to do a face to face meeting with someone (provost) to discuss the budget concerns.

*Bob Berger moved to adopt the budget based on the past fiscal year. Trent Munden seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.*

#### **WSU New Diagnostics Lab– Karen Flint**

Karen Flint is a diagnostician and has started a new lab, including online sample submission testing/online communicating. Her long term goal is to have a full service lab similar to that in Hermiston. Fees are \$25-\$40 for culturing. Samples are submitted to Karen Ward by email at karen\_flint.ward@wsu.edu, mailed to PO Box 646430, Pullman, WA 99164. She can isolate for fungi bacteria, but no virus testing- if needed she would send it somewhere else with the client's permission. Specifically does microscopy and culturing.

#### **Review of the FY 2012 Budget/WSCPR-WSU MOA**

Alan reviewed the Letter of Agreement. If we need to make any changes Alan recommends we go to OFM or ARG to get someone to review the mention of funds appropriated to WSU for the Commission.

#### **Other Business**

Need to set up another meeting to review details of the budget.

#### **Meeting Adjournment**

*Doug Walsh moved to adjourn the meeting. Trent Munden seconded the motion. Motion carries. Meeting adjourned at 1:55pm.*