

**IDAHO BARLEY COMMISSION
CONFERENCE CALL MINUTES
APRIL 3, 2017, IBC OFFICE, BOISE, ID**

I. Roll Call – Chairman Pat Purdy called the IBC conference call to order at 8 a.m. on Monday, April 3, 2017. **Participants included:**

Pat Purdy, Chairman
Wes Hubbard, District I Commissioner
Scott Brown, District III Commissioner
Tim Pella, Industry Representative
Kelly Olson, Administrator

II. ADDITIONAL FY 2018 RESEARCH FUNDING REQUESTS

- 1. ARS Kimberly long-term manure study funding request.** Funding consideration had been deferred from the February 22 IBC meeting due to change in UI personnel responsible for leading this research effort. The researchers and funding partners met on March 14 to discuss how to proceed with the final four years of this eight year study. Barley is scheduled to be in the trial in summer 2017 (6th year of study). ARS Kimberly has submitted a proposal to fund at our fixed annual rate of \$16,000/year. The Administrator recommended continued IBC participation, with funding support of \$14,000 in FY 2018.
- 2. BYU-Idaho research combine contribution.** This request has good geographic fit for barley but the Administrator and board discussed some concerns, including: (1) Eastern Idaho grain producers (growers raise wheat and barley) are already funding a substantial amount via the IWC. It is a valid question to ask whether grain producers should be expected to provide any additional funding. (2) Will BYU Idaho be willing to conduct malting barley research given religious questions about growing a raw material for production of an alcohol beverage. (3) Would it make more sense to look into a lease arrangement with the UI Aberdeen. Commissioner Wes Hubbard urged that we keep the door open to further discussions on possible collaboration between the IBC, UI and BYU-Idaho. The board instructed the Administrator to look into these questions and issues before any further action is taken on funding the combine.
- 3. BYU-Idaho barley research proposal in FY 2018 to evaluate effectiveness of fungicide applications on malt barley to control diseases, with a stated goal of providing undergraduate students with real time research experience.** The Administrator noted that this type of disease fungicide control research is already being done by Dr. Juliet Marshall. She noted that she had recommended to BYU-Idaho that they reach out to Drs. Chris Rogers and Howard Neibling to discuss opportunities to have their students participate in ongoing barley-funded research in the Rexburg area. The board instructed the Administrator to help foster discussion between UI and BYU-Idaho on ways to incorporate BYU Idaho undergraduate students in ongoing barley research in eastern Idaho.
- 4. Cost-share support for Dr. Chris Rogers' barley agronomy program MS student (stipend/fees) -** Dr. Rogers received a pledge from CALS Dean Parrella at our February meeting to fund a post-doc for two years which will add significant

research and publication capacity to the UI Barley Agronomy Program. However, given the large number of studies that Chris has underway, he needs help with field work and data analyses which are best suited for MS students. The cost for two semesters (FY 2018) is \$28,502. According to Dr. Mark McGuire, CALS is finalizing its new proposal for graduate student funding, which will provide \$12,000/year to eligible UI scientists to support masters student (one student per researcher per year). The Administrator recommended that the IBC provide \$9,000 as cost share in FY 2018.

A motion was made by Commissioner Scott Brown, and seconded, to approve \$14,000 for the Long-Term Manure Study now being managed by ARS Kimberly, \$9,000 cost share for a masters student in the UI Aberdeen Barley Agronomy Research Project and to continue discussions with BYU Idaho on ways to foster collaboration between UI and BYU Idaho in eastern Idaho. The motion carried unanimously.

With no other business, the IBC conference call was adjourned by Chairman Pat Purdy at 8:55 a.m.

Pat Purdy, Chairman

Date