

**IDAHO BARLEY COMMISSION  
MEETING MINUTES  
FEBRUARY 20, 2014, BOISE, ID**

**I. Roll Call** – Chairman Pat Purdy called the IBC meeting to order at 1:10 p.m. on Wednesday, February 19, 2014 at the IBC office in Boise, Idaho. **Attendees included:**  
Pat Purdy, Chairman  
Tim Dillin, District I Commissioner  
Dwight Little, District III Commissioner  
Clay Kaasa, Industry Representative  
Kelly Olson, Administrator  
Andi Woolf, Project Coordinator/Fiscal Officer

**Guests included:** IGPA Executive Director Travis Jones (for part of the meeting), Boise; Idaho Falls barley grower Byron Reed; Rexburg grower Mike Ricks; Soda Springs barley grower Scott Brown; Dr. Juliet Marshall, UI cereal agronomist/pathologist, Idaho Falls; and *Capital Press* reporter Sean Ellis.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Tim Dillin, and seconded, to accept the agenda as presented. The motion carried unanimously.**

**II. IBC Meeting Minutes**

The minutes from the IBC's October 16, 2013 meeting were reviewed. **A motion was made by Commissioner Tim Dillin, and seconded, to approve the minutes for the October 16, 2013 IBC meeting as presented. The motion carried unanimously.**

**III. FY 2015 Research Funding & Barley Agronomist**

Chairman Pat Purdy adjusted the meeting agenda to allow guests who needed to depart early to participate in the discussion of FY 2015 barley research funding priorities and allocations.

The board reviewed all FY 2015 research funding requests presented by ARS and University of Idaho scientists during the morning research review. After thorough discussion of each request and excellent input from grower guests, **a motion was made by Industry Representative Clay Kaasa, and seconded, to approve preliminary FY 2015 funding in the total amount of \$322,507 and allocated to: \$51,000 for ARS barley breeding, \$5,000 for Oregon State University and \$266,507 for University of Idaho, as follows:**

- 2<sup>nd</sup> year Barley Agronomist Endowment - \$200,000
- Support for Northern Idaho Support Scientist - \$5,040
- Education for Barley Production / Extension Nurseries - \$14,672
- Long-term Impacts of Manure Application (8-year study) - \$16,000
- NEW – Evaluation of Advanced Barley Lines in Northern Idaho - \$4,025

- NEW – Survey of Central and Eastern Idaho Wireworm Species and Evaluate Controls Approaches - \$15,540
- NEW – Investigate Barley Variety Reaction to Cereal Cyst Nematode Pressure Evaluation - \$11,230

**The motion carried unanimously.**

**Discussion on UI Barley Agronomist recruitment** – Dr. Juliet Marshall, UI cereal agronomist/pathologist, Idaho Falls, reported on the status of the UI recruitment for the new Barley Agronomist scientist who will be based in Aberdeen. The position was advertised last October, closed late November and screening was completed in mid-January. Interviews will be scheduled in March and April, with an anticipated start date in summer 2014.

**Fusarium Head Blight** - Dr. Juliet Marshall, UI cereal agronomist/pathologist, Idaho Falls, reported on the outcome of the FHB Forum held January 9 in Idaho Falls, which was jointly sponsored by the University of Idaho CALS, Idaho Barley Commission and the American Malting Barley Association. She reported that as result of this forum and resulting management/research strategies that were prioritized by forum participants, Dr. Mike Davis, AMBA President, was successful in securing \$65,000 in immediate research grant funding from the U.S. Wheat and Barley Scab Initiative to launch a new integrated scab research effort in the Western U.S. Funding will be allocated as follows:

- \$35,000 to Dr. Juliet Marshall, Aberdeen, for integrated management studies / variety screening at Aberdeen;
- \$15,000 to Dr. Gongshe Hu, ARS barley breeder, Aberdeen, for barley breeding resistance; and
- \$15,000 to Dr. Jianli Chen, UI wheat breeder, Aberdeen, for wheat breeding resistance.

#### ***IV. IBC Budget Report***

**Monthly check-off receipts, balance sheet and income statements** -- The Administrator reviewed budget reports as of February 14, 2014, showing check-off receipts totaling \$453,201.06, which are \$164,517.78 higher than for the same period last year due to the assessment increase. The Administrator reviewed the IBC's balance sheet and income statement, showing assets at \$424,144.61; total income to date of \$458,610.77, which is 65% of the budgeted amount for the year; and expenses of \$494,354, which are 70% of the budgeted amount. The Administrator reviewed line item #706.06 Workshops (risk management education workshops) which was over budget but explained that most of these expenses will be reimbursed under our WCRME grant this winter. There were no other items flagged at this time. **A motion was made by Commissioner Tim Dillin, and seconded, to approve the IBC financial report as presented. The motion carried unanimously.**

## ***V. IBC Administration***

**Approval of hosted meals** – The Administrator reviewed four hosted meals during the period January 23 through February 22, 2014, totaling \$414.86. **A motion was made by Commissioner Dwight Little, and seconded, to approve the four hosted meals totaling \$414.86. The motion carried unanimously.**

**2014 acreage estimates** – The board reviewed confidential information on 2014 malting barley contracts and other general information on projected acreage. Industry Representative Clay Kaasa commented on industry contracting and production trends, noting that Idaho acreage should increase about 3 to 5%.

**Malting industry developments** – Industry Representative Clay Kaasa provided an overview of current trends in North American malting and brewing markets, including the rail transportation bottleneck affecting movement of Canadian barley and malt. This situation has resulted in one-off opportunities for U.S. malt sales into various export channels, which all other things being considered should have been originated from Canada.

**Sponsorship of 2014 North American Barley Researchers Workshop** - The Administrator reviewed a request from the University of Minnesota to provide sponsorship support for the triennial North American Barley Researchers Workshop scheduled on June 29-July 2 in Minneapolis, Minnesota. **A motion was made by Industry Representative Clay Kaasa, and seconded, to approve \$500 sponsorship for the 2014 North American Barley Researchers Workshop scheduled on June 29-July 2 in Minneapolis, Minnesota. The motion carried unanimously.**

**Travel Authorizations** – The Administrator reviewed the calendar and proposed three travel authorizations:

**April 8-11** – Craft Brewers Conference and Brew Expo America, Denver, CO – one commissioner and Administrator

**June 29-July 2** – North American Barley Researchers Workshop (held every 3 years), Minneapolis, MN – one commissioner, Industry Representative and Administrator

**July 28–30** – USGC Summer Board of Delegates Meeting, Omaha, NE – Administrator (Commission Dillin is approved to participate).

**A motion was made by Commissioner Dwight Little, and seconded, to approve the three travel authorizations as presented. The motion carried unanimously.**

## ***VI. IBC Program Review***

**Idaho Grains Producers Association report** – IGPA Executive Director Travis Jones reported on current IGPA priorities, including:

- 2014 legislative session (Kestrel West are new IGPA lobbyists) – ag security bill, trespass, seed and commodity indemnity programs, bill to prohibit brewers from owning beer distributorships in Idaho.
- Other state issues – fugitive ag dust regulations (coalition is working with DEQ on negotiated rulemaking to ensure that farmers won't be regulated for practices that are customary and necessary for specific farming operations), crop residue burning, adequate funding to pay wildlife depredation claims, trespass (new efforts are underway to work more closely with the Idaho Cattle Association on resolving conflicts).
- Implementation of the 2014 Farm Bill.
- IGPA leadership development - Two young emerging leaders have been selected to participate in the IGPA mentoring program in 2014: Lucas Spratling from Cassia County who will be mentored by Wayne Hurst and Derek Reed from Bonneville County who will be mentored by Matt Gellings.

**US Grains Council report** – District I Commissioner Tim Dillin and Industry Representative Clay Kaasa gave a report on the US Grains Council's International Marketing Conference held Feb. 9-12 in Long Beach, CA. Tim and Clay both noted that the Council continues to struggle with crafting suitable barley export market development programs, primarily because of a lack of exportable barley supplies. IBC continues to work closely with the Council in devising food barley market development strategies in Asia.

**National Barley Growers Association (NBGA) report** – Chairman Dwight Little reported on the upcoming NBGA winter board meeting scheduled February 23-26 in Washington, D.C. The board discussed issues related to 2014 farm bill implementation. IBC is committed to supporting producer education on the 2014 Farm Bill.

**Food Barley Initiative** – The Administrator gave a very brief report on the IBC's multi-prong food barley initiative, including our expansion of Transit seed in 2013. She noted that all ongoing initiatives were on track to meet 2014 goals, including new commercial contracts of Transit seed production offered in north Idaho by PNW Farmers Cooperative, Genesee.

**IBC's grain marketing / risk management education** – The Administrator gave a very brief report on the IBC's 2013/14 grain marketing and risk management educational programs. **IBC was awarded a \$18,500 grant in 2013 from the Western Center for Risk Management Education** (total of \$156,900 in WCRME competitive grant funding has been received since 2001, with total participation of 5,861 producers in 115 events in the 2001 to 2013 period). Education components this year include:

**IBC Young Farmer Advisory Committee** – IBC convened a group of under 40 age producers to help guide our educational programming:

- **E ID** – Wyatt Penfold, Jeff Evans, Derek Reed, Curt Stegelmeir, Nathan Scafe, Jake Osburn, Daniel Lakey

- **SC ID** – Luke Adams
- **N ID** – Steve Kauffman, Thomas Linehan, Ty Iverson

**IBC / Southern/Eastern Idaho County Extension:**

- Ag Outlook Conferences in Burley and Idaho Falls on Dec. 10-11.
- Local workshops - advanced estate planning and farm& ranch management
- Webinars – grain market outlook, grain futures hedging, irrigation efficiencies in water short year

**Northern Idaho County Extension:**

- Local workshops – continued sessions on estate planning, Quickbooks

**2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Women in Agriculture Conference** – Feb. 22, 2014, Nampa, ID

IBC has been invited to apply for another competitive risk management education grant for 2014/15.

**A final motion was made by Commissioner Tim Dillin, and seconded, to approve all acts and transactions of the February 19, 2014 IBC meeting. The motion carried unanimously.**

With no other business, the IBC meeting was adjourned by Chairman Pat Purdy at 3:30 p.m.

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Pat Purdy, Chairman

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