

**IDAHO BARLEY COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
FEBRUARY 18, 2015, IBC OFFICE, BOISE, ID**

I. Roll Call – Chairman Tim Dillin called the IBC meeting to order at 8:35 a.m. on Wednesday, February 18, 2015 at the IBC office in Boise, ID. **Attendees included:**
Tim Dillin, Chairman
Pat Purdy, District II Commissioner
Scott Brown, District III Commissioner
Tim Pella, Industry Representative
Kelly Olson, Administrator

Guests included: UI CALS Dean John Foltz, Moscow; UI CALS Assistant Dean of Development Kim O'Neill, Moscow; ARS Barley Breeder Gongshe Hu, Aberdeen (by conference call); IGPA Executive Director Travis Jones, Boise (afternoon).

II. IBC Meeting Minutes

The minutes from the IBC's October 21, 2014 meeting were reviewed. **A motion was made by Commissioner Pat Purdy, and seconded, to approve the minutes for the October 21, 2014 IBC meeting as presented. The motion carried unanimously.**

III. IBC Research

UI CALS Report - UI CALS Dean John Foltz and CALS Assistant Dean of Development Kim O'Neill joined the meeting to provide a report on the College of Agriculture's FY 2016 ARES budget and update on cereal extension and research programs. Dean Foltz reported that the Governor had recommended enhancements totaling \$1.528 million in FY 2016. JFAC has signaled its support for this budget request and will likely add \$200,000 additional funding for collaborative UI-ARS research at the ARS Sheep Research Facility in Dubois. CALS FY 2016 enhancements include salary for 16 technical support research positions and fully restores funding for 7 to 10 graduate research assistantship stipends. These enhancements will directly benefit cereal research in Idaho. Dean Foltz also briefed the board on proposed reconfiguration of the Plant Science, Entomology and Soil Sciences department and creation of a new Soil, Air and Water Department (soil science programs will be moved from PSES to new department).

ARS Barley Breeding Proposal for FY 2016 – Dr. Gongshe Hu, ARS barley breeder joined the meeting by conference call. Dr. Hu provided report on (1) current barley breeding efforts in malting and food barley, including new variety testing locations at Idaho Falls (winter and spring) and Oakley (winter 2016). (2) ARS lines being evaluated in the American Malting Barley Association plant scale testing (X01084-27 spring - same yield and malting quality as Conrad but 2 days earlier and 2AB07-X031098-31 spring – better yield than Voyager and 02Ab669 winter – better yield than Charles and

Endeavor). (3) Brewers Association collaboration to identify and test advanced malting barley germplasm suited for craft brewing, including seed increase of two promising spring lines in 2015. (4) Food barley variety development – 2 lines being evaluated for release: 2Ab09-X06FO58HL-31 hullless with 10% better yield than Transit and 2AB09-X06FO84-51 hulled with 40% more b-glucan content than Salute. Dr. Hu presented his FY 2016 barley breeding funding request to the IBC in the amount of \$51,000, which is the same as FY 2015 and includes funding for New Zealand winter nursery and increased focus on FHB resistance in the breeding lines. Commissioner Pat Purdy urged that there be better coordination in the future between all parties involved in seed increases for AMBA plant scale testing.

There was also discussion on ways to secure tuition funding for Chris Evans, ARS scientific technician to earn his master degree under Dr. Christopher Rogers, UI Barley Research Agronomist. The Administrator was instructed to follow-up with both Dr. Rogers and ARS.

The board asked the Administrator to arrange a conference call in early March to set preliminary FY 2016 research budget allocations.

IV. IBC Budget

Monthly check-off receipts, balance sheet and income statements -- The Administrator reviewed budget reports as of February 13, 2015, showing check-off receipts totaling \$321,265, which is down \$137,061 from the same period the year before. The Administrator reviewed the IBC's balance sheet and income statement, showing assets at \$429,638.20; total income to date of \$366,218.27, which is 69% of the budgeted amount for the year; and expenses of \$449,005.72, which is 45% of the budgeted amount. This includes the \$200,000 endowment installment to the University of Idaho, our single largest budget expenditure. The board anticipates we will drawdown reserves in the current fiscal year by at least \$151,000.

In light of anticipated budget shortfall and significant drawdown in reserves in the current year, the board discussed whether they felt they could meet their \$200,000 commitment (3rd year) to the University of Idaho Foundation Barley Research Endowment. After thorough discussion with the board and CALS Dean John Foltz (earlier in the meeting), **a motion was made by Commissioner Scott Brown, and seconded, to reduce the FY 2016 Barley Research Endowment payment to \$100,000 and delay payment until September to assess 2016 production and budget projections. The motion carried unanimously.**

A motion was made by Commissioner Pat Purdy, 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 since the last meeting:

- 10/30/2014 – Administrator hosted UI CALS Dean John Foltz for breakfast in Boise – 2 people for total of \$23.22
- 11/12/2014 – Administrator hosted ARS and UI scientists for dinner during Tri-State Grain Convention in Stevens, WA – 5 people for total of \$50.35
- 1/8/2016 – Administrator hosted CALS Ag Economist Garth Taylor for lunch in Boise – 2 people for total of \$28.42
- 2/9/2015 – Administrator hosted IFBF Vice President and IGPA FB member Mark Trupp for lunch in Boise – 2 people for total of \$23.64

A motion was made by Commissioner Pat Purdy, and seconded, to approve the four hosted meals totaling \$125.63 as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

2014 Crop Crisis Response – The Administrator provided a summary of work being conducted by the IBC to address the 2014 malting barley crop crisis, including:

- Publication of Producer Guidance on Handling Sprout Damage.
- Work with counties on disaster declarations.
- Participation in State Response Committee and preparation of briefing materials for House Speaker Scott Bedke and other members on crop losses and insurance issues.
- Producer workshops – December 1-5 at five locations southern Idaho, as part of farm bill education.
- Crop insurance modifications – extensive work with RMA is ongoing.
- Feed barley promotion to feed barley markets throughout the Western U.S. – ongoing.

Malting barley industry developments – Industry Representative Tim Pella and the Administrator provided an overview of malting industry developments, including beer market trends and beer excise tax legislation pending in the Congress.

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

- Administrator and one board member attend Craft Brewers Conference & Brew Expo, April 11-17, 2015, Portland, OR
- Administrator and one board member attend Food Barley Technical Symposium, Wheat Marketing Center, Portland, OR – date to be determined

A motion was made by Industry Representative Tim Pella, and seconded, to approve the two travel authorizations as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

VI. IBC Program Review

Idaho Grains Producers Association report – IGPA Executive Director Travis Jones joined the meeting after lunch to provide a report on current 2015 legislative priorities. Including possible legislation on GMO labeling to pre-empt county regulations, negotiated DEQ rules on fugitive emissions under the Clean Air Act and open range. Travis reported that there was an estimated \$15,000 loss in the 2014 convention. The 2015 Tri-State convention is scheduled in Spokane and the 2016 convention is scheduled in Boise.

National Barley Growers Association (NBGA) report – Commissioner Scott Brown reported on the NBGA winter board meeting held February 2-4 in Washington, D.C. Scott felt it was a very productive meeting with another excellent Barley Brews & Boots event on Capitol Hill. Scott reported that NBGA President Doyle Lentz had launched an aggressive funding campaign with malting industry partners that would potential provide significant revenue enhancements to the NBGA. NBGA BYLAWS were amended on February 4 to allow for industry voting membership and changed leadership qualifications to anyone who is serving or has served as a member of the Board of Directors. Scott explained that he offered this latter change to allow Dwight Little, IGPA Executive Board member, to become eligible to run for the Vice President position in summer 2015. Dwight is currently not serving on the NBGA board (Idaho board members are Scott Brown and Terry Kulik) but he has served on the board in the past as IBC's board member.

National Barley Improvement Committee (NBIC) report – Commissioner Pat Purdy reported on the upcoming NBIC meetings with Congress scheduled March 7- 11 to advocate for federal funding support for barley research.

US Grains Council (USGC) report – Commissioner Pat Purdy reported on the USGC's GEM Mission to Argentina that he participated in early December. He noted that while Argentina is a significant barley, wheat and corn producer, they are unable to fully realize their resource advantages because of excessive federal government taxes and export restrictions. Commissioner Tim Dillin and Industry Representative Tim Pella provided a report on the US Grains Council's winter board meeting held February 8-11 in Costa Rica. Both the chairman and Industry Representative Pella felt the barley sector meeting (18 people participated) was very productive and they observed that the Council appeared to be making strides in improving its targeted programming to promote barley in Asia (food barley) and Latin America (malting). Chairman Dillin reported that Japan was scheduled to approve a food barley health label in April, which will stimulate more demand for food barley in that country. Finally, Chairman Dillin reported on his participation in additional post-conference meetings with brewers in Costa Rica and Colombia.

Barley crop insurance report – The Administrator reported on ongoing efforts with RMA to secure improvements to Qualify Adjustment Factors under the Small Grains Special Provisions, based on our 2014 experiences.

VII. IBC Food Barley Initiative

Food Barley Initiative – The Administrator quickly updated the board on current priorities, which include co-sponsorship of a Food Barley Products Technical Symposium to be held at the Wheat Marketing Center in Portland later this year, in conjunction with Highland Specialty Grains and Ardent Mills.

A final motion was made by Industry Representative Tim Pella, and seconded, to approve all acts and transactions of the February 18, 2015 IBC meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

With no other business, the IBC meeting was adjourned by Chairman Tim Dillin at 4:35 p.m.

Tim Dillin, Chairman

Date

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