

**IDAHO BARLEY COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
FEBRUARY 23, 2012, BOISE, ID**

I. Roll Call – Chairman Tim Dillin called the IBC meeting to order at 1:45 p.m. on Thursday, February 23, 2012 at the IBC office in Boise, Idaho. **Attendees included:**
Tim Dillin, Chairman
Ron Elkin, District II Commissioner
Dwight Little, District III Commissioner
Clay Kaasa, Industry Representative
Kelly Olson, Administrator
Andi Woolf, Project Coordinator/Fiscal Officer

Guests included: Idaho State Department of Agriculture Director Celia Gould, Boise; IGPA President Joe Anderson, Genesee and IGPA Lobbyist Dar Olberding for parts of the meeting.

II. IBC Meeting Minutes

The minutes from the IBC's October 24, 2011 meeting were reviewed. **A motion was made by Commissioner Dwight Little, and seconded, to approve the minutes for the October 24, 2011 IBC meeting as presented. The motion carried 4-0.**

III. IBC Budget Report

Monthly check-off receipts, balance sheet and income statements -- The Administrator reviewed budget reports as of February 15, 2012, showing check-off receipts totaling \$258,845.49, which are \$17,447.00 higher than for the same period last year. The Administrator reviewed the IBC's balance sheet and income statement, showing assets at \$512,304.74; total income to date of \$259,278.20, which is 66.2% of the budgeted amount for the year; and expenses of \$277,932.47, which is 60.8% of the budgeted amount. The Administration reported on two significant line-item expenditures that are over budget due to a delay in grant reimbursements: \$12,500 outstanding receivable for FSMIP food barley grant and \$8,864.19 outstanding receivable for 2011 and 2012 risk management education grants. There were no other items over budget at this time. **A motion was made by Commissioner Ron Elkin, and seconded, to approve the IBC financial report as presented. The motion carried 4-0.**

IV. IBC Administration

Approval of hosted meals – The Administrator reviewed three hosted meals during the period January 15 through January 25, 2012, totaling \$151.46. **A motion was made by Commissioner Ron Elkin, and seconded, to approve the three hosted meals totaling \$151.46. The motion carried 4-0.**

2012 acreage estimates – The board reviewed confidential information on 2012 malting barley contracts and other general information on projected acreage. Industry Representative Clay Kaasa distributed an internal Great Western Malting Co.

spreadsheet estimating U.S. barley acreage in 2012 by state, suggesting continued competitive position for Idaho barley production.

Malting industry developments – Industry Representative Clay Kaasa provided an overview of current trends in North American malting and brewing markets, including changes coming in Canada. Clay noted that 2011 was not a strong year overall for US beer production, falling another 1.9%, but the craft segment experienced another strong year of growth with production up nearly 15%. Clay concluded that western U.S. would continue to be in a strong competitive position for malting barley production.

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

- Administrator and one additional commissioner attend the National Barley Growers Association in Jackson Hole, WY on June 11-13, 2012 (due to its close proximity and low travel costs).
- Administrator and one commissioner attend Barley Foods Research Consortium meeting to be organized by IBC in spring 2012 in some central U.S. location.

A motion was made by Commissioner Dwight Little, and seconded, to approve the two travel authorizations as presented. The motion carried 4-0.

V. IBC Preliminary Research Funding for FY 2013

The board deviated from their meeting agenda in order to consider FY 2013 research funding requests presented by ARS and University of Idaho scientists during the annual research review conducted earlier in the day. After thorough discussion of each request, **a motion was made by Industry Representative Clay Kaasa, and seconded, to approve preliminary FY 2013 funding in the total amount of \$33,000 for ARS barley breeding and \$34,091 for the following University of Idaho barley research projects:**

- **Annual operations of the Tetonia research farm - \$15,000**
- **Support for Northern Idaho Support Scientist - \$5,040**
- **Education for Barley Production / Extension Nurseries - \$12,125**
- **Winter food barley nursery at Aberdeen - \$1,800**

The motion carried 4-0.

Action on **UI Winter Malt Barley Tolerance to Define and Axiom Herbicides for grass weed control and the OSU winter food barley research proposals** were deferred until additional information can be obtained and further discussion with the IBC board.

VI. IBC Program Review

University of Idaho Capital Campaign Event April 28, 2012 – UI CALS Dean John Hammel presented a invitation to the IBC during the research review to sponsor a table at the University of Idaho Capital Campaign Gala event scheduled April 28, 2012 in Moscow, ID for a cost of \$2,500. Commissioner Ron Elkin argued that this event could be used as a launching pad to begin a serious discussion with the University of Idaho, the IBC and key malting and brewing industry partners on future investments in barley research infrastructure at the University of Idaho. **A motion was made by Industry Representative Clay Kaasa, and seconded, to approve IBC participation in the UI**

Capital Campaign event on April 28 and to work with the UI to ensure that a barley research roundtable discussion is included in the April 28 schedule. The motion carried 4-0. It was determined that Chairman Tim Dillin and Commissioner Ron Elkin would participate on behalf of the IBC and the Administrator was instructed to invite appropriate industry partners and researchers to join us for a barley research roundtable discussion.

Idaho Grain Producers Association report - Chairman Tim Dillin briefed the board on the status of IGPA's barley assessment legislation, Senate Bill 1304. Commissioner Little reported that he had met with several key legislators earlier in the week on the legislation. A hearing was scheduled before the Senate Agricultural Affairs Committee on Tuesday, February 21. The board decided that Chairman Dillin and Commissioner Elkin would work with Dar Olberding, IGPA lobbyist, to testify on behalf of the IBC. IGPA President Joe Anderson submitted a special projects request to the IBC for a compensation bonus of \$2,500 for IGPA Executive Director Travis Jones for his service to the National Barley Growers Association as a volunteer secretary-treasurer. **A motion was made by Commissioner Dwight Little, and seconded, to approve the IGPA special projects request in the amount of \$2,500. The motion carried 4-0.**

National Barley Growers Association report – Commissioner Dwight Little reported on the NBGA winter board meeting held January 30 – February 1, 2012 in Washington, D.C. Dwight reported on the topics discussed and the resolutions approved by the board. He particularly enjoyed the presentation by Terry Barr, CoBank, on global economic and agricultural outlook. Dwight also complimented NBGA for their successful “Brews and Blues” hospitality event held for members of Congress and their staff on Tuesday, Jan. 31. The summer NBGA board meeting will be held in Jackson Hole in June.

Due to flight schedules, the remainder of the IBC meeting agenda was suspended and discussion on the remaining topics was deferred for a conference call to be scheduled in early March.

A final motion was made by Commissioner Ron Elkin, and seconded, to approve all acts and transactions of the February 23, 2012 IBC meeting. The motion carried 4-0.

With no other business, the IBC meeting was adjourned by Chairman Tim Dillin at 4:30 p.m

Tim Dillin, Chairman

Date

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