

**IDAHO BARLEY COMMISSION
CONFERENCE CALL MINUTES
MARCH 17, 2009**

I. Roll Call – Chairman Ron Elkin called the IBC conference call to order at 8:00 a.m. on Tuesday, March 17, 2009. Call participants included:

Ron Elkin, Chairman
Dan Mader, District I Commissioner
Dwight Little, District III Commissioner
Clay Kaasa, Industry Representative
Kelly Olson, Administrator

Guests included: Scott Brown, IGPA Vice President.

II. IGPA Convention Deficit

IGPA Vice President Scott Brown reviewed the 2008 convention funding deficit, noting that expenses exceeded income by about \$40,000, with that amount to be shared equally between the two states. Brown requested any support the commission could provide to help cover this deficit. Industry Representative Clay Kaasa inquired whether IGPA had submitted a special projects request for additional funding from the IBC. The Administrator indicated that no specific proposal had been submitted. Commissioner Dwight Little noted that the Idaho Wheat Commission has approved \$10,000 in additional funding and he felt that IBC should consider providing \$5,000 so that all three organizations share in covering these excess expenditures. **A motion was made by Commissioner Dan Mader, and seconded, to approve \$5,000 in special project funding to IGPA to help cover the 2008 convention deficit. The motion carried 4-0.**

III. Finalize IBC Research Funding

Board members reviewed preliminary FY 2010 research funding decisions made on March 3 and made two adjustments:

- § **Herbicide Soil Persistence and Herbicide Resistant Weeds Prevention Expert System (D. Thill and D. Morishita)** - the Administrator provided additional information she had obtained from the two principle scientists concerning the need for the additional funding. North Idaho share - \$3,000 – launch in March 2009, keep up to date until June 30, 2010, when alternative funding from fees will become available. South Idaho share - \$5,100 – complete data collection and do programming. This funding is critical to completion of the Southern Idaho crop rotation system. **A motion was made by Commissioner Dan Mader, and seconded, to approve \$8,000 for the Herbicide Soil Persistence and Herbicide Resistant Weeds Prevention Expert System in FY 2010, with a requirement of bi-monthly progress reports. The motion carried 4-0.**
- § **ARS Barley Breeding** – reduced to \$25,000 in recognition that ARS should receive some pass-through funding under FY 2009 special earmark funding of \$514,000 recently approved for the Barley for Rural Development Project (joint funding awarded to Montana State University and University of Idaho). This cut does not suggest that the board is not satisfied with the progress of the ARS barley breeding program and its significant expansion in recent years into winter malting barley and food barley. The Administrator was directed to advise the board if additional funding is needed to sustain program efforts at current levels.

§ **Precision ag education and research** – Commissioner Dan Mader did not recommend funding this proposal but asked the Administrator to work with the two commissions and possibly their counterparts in Washington to better define research needs in this area.

Project No.	Abbreviated Title & PI(s)	FY 2009 Funding	Request FY 2010	IBC Action
	UI RESEARCH PROPOSALS			
NEW	Influence of Soil Moisture and Herbicide Application Timing on Wild Oat and Broadleaf Weed Control in Spring Barley (D. Morishita and H. Neibling)	\$0	\$12,540	\$0
NEW	Lab set-up for precision ag education and research (D. Shrestha)	\$0	\$12,000	\$0
BJ-K999	Mealybug/cereal root diseases in Soda Springs (J. Windes)	\$7,700	\$7,700	\$0
BJ-KW24	ESN Fertilizer in Dryland Malt Barley Production in Soda Springs (J. Windes)	\$3,500	\$3,500	\$0
	Development of Barley Production Systems to Express High Yield Potential (S. Guy)	\$2,000	\$0	\$0
BJ-KB90	Support Scientist Funding – Education for Idaho Barley Production / North ID Extension Nurseries (R. Zemetra)	\$4,000	\$5,100	\$5,100
BJ-KB52 BJ-KB85	Herbicide Soil Persistence and Herbicide Resistant Weeds Prevention Expert System (D. Thill and D. Morishita)	\$3,051	\$8,102	\$8,000*
BJ-K945 BJ-K946 BJ-K942	Education for Barley Production / Extension Nurseries (Guy, Brown, Windes)	\$9,206 – IBC cut # nurseries	\$9,206	\$9,206
	UI TOTAL	\$32,458	\$58,148	\$22,306
	OTHER RESEARCH PROPOSALS			
	ARS barley breeding (ARS, D. Obert)	\$30,116	\$28,836	\$25,000**
	Winter barley breeding (OSU, P. Hayes)	\$19,000	\$19,000	\$19,000
NEW	Breeding Barley with Resistance to Selective Herbicides (spring barleys) (S. Ullrich, WSU)	\$0	\$20,200	\$5,000
	TOTAL	\$81,573	\$126,184	\$71,306

A motion was made by Industry Representative Clay Kaasa, and seconded, to approve preliminary FY 2010 research budget of \$71,306. The motion carried 4-0.

IV. 2009 barley plantings and FY 2010 budget

There was general discussion concerning a projected decline in barley acreage this year due to a cut in contracted malting barley acres and more favorable wheat crop insurance. The Administrator reviewed a new budget spreadsheet she had prepared, which shows current FY 2009 reserves being drawn down about \$3,000-\$4,000 (plus \$5,000 just approved for the IGPA convention), rather than the original projected deficit of \$53,447. That should leave a reserve balance of about \$540,000. Chairman Ron Elkin indicated his desire to shoot for a target FY 2010 budget of \$420,000, compared to an approved budget of \$445,000 this year. Commissioner Dan Mader agreed that budget restraint will be necessary but he also felt it might be prudent to maintain spending in areas that are showing a good return on investment even if that means drawing down reserves in order to make the case for an assessment increase in the future. Commissioner Dwight Little noted that eastern Idaho growers generally want to see us tighten the belt before asking for an assessment increase.

A motion was made by Commissioner Dwight Little, and seconded, to approve all acts and transactions of this conference call. The motion carried 4-0.

With no other business, the IBC conference call was adjourned by Chairman Ron Elkin at 9:50 a.m.

Ron Elkin, Chairman

Date

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MOTIONS PASSED**

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