

**IDAHO BARLEY COMMISSION
CONFERENCE CALL MINUTES
MARCH 29, 2012**

I. Roll Call – Chairman Tim Dillin called the IBC conference call to order at 7:30 a.m. on Thursday, March 29, 2012. **Participants included:**

Tim Dillin, Chairman
Ron Elkin, District II Commissioner
Dwight Little, District III Commissioner
Clay Kaasa, Industry Representative
Kelly Olson, Administrator

Guest included: Clark Kauffman, IGPA Executive Board member.

II. Food Barley Research Initiative -

The purpose of this conference call was to discuss a proposed shift in the food barley research strategy. Originally, the IBC and ARS had proposed and were aggressively pursuing a consortium funded food barley research effort to exploit the exciting scientific advancements achieved in the USDA ARS barley genetics research program related to the fiber content in barley (16% beta-glucan content of the CM1 mutant). However, after more thorough evaluation and discussions with General Mills it has been determined that it would be more appropriate to create a CRADA research agreement between ARS and General Mills to facilitate development of the CM1 mutant. This decision would not, however, foreclose on future opportunities for other commercial entities to license varieties that may result from the ARS plant breeding phase using the CM1 mutant.

After very thorough discussion **a motion was made by Industry Representative Clay Kaasa, and seconded, to endorse a potential CRADA research agreement between the USDA Agricultural Research Service and General Mills Company to pursue further genetic research of the CM1 mutant, and offer the following recommendations to help guide this agreement:**

- 1. Ensure future opportunities be available for all interested public and private parties to license commercial barley varieties that may result from barley plant breeding using the CM1 mutant.**
- 2. Technology (seed) fees be appropriately shared with the USDA ARS to sustain future research efforts.**
- 3. Idaho Barley Commission remain at the table in an advisory capacity.**

The motion carried 4-0.

With no other business, the IBC conference call was adjourned by Chairman Tim Dillin at 8:30 a.m.

Tim Dillin, Chairman

Date