

**IDAHO BARLEY COMMISSION  
MEETING MINUTES  
DECEMBER 2, 2010, PORTLAND, OR**

**I. Roll Call** – Chairman Ron Elkin called the IBC meeting to order at 10:20 a.m. on Thursday, December 2, 2010 at the Doubletree Hotel Lloyd Center in Portland, Oregon.

**Attendees included:**

Ron Elkin, 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:** Terry Whiteside, Whiteside & Associates, Billings, MT; Scott Brown, IGPA Past President, Soda Springs; Clark Kauffman, IGPA President, Twin Falls; and Wayne Hurst, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President of the National Association of Wheat Growers, Burley, ID.

**II. IBC Meeting Minutes**

The minutes from the IBC's October 27, 2010 meeting were reviewed. **A motion was made by Industry Representative Clay Kaasa, and seconded, to approve the minutes for the October 27, 2010 IBC meeting as presented. The motion carried 4-0.**

**III. Terry Whiteside's rail transportation report** – The meeting agenda was suspended to allow Terry Whiteside the opportunity to present an update on efforts by the Alliance for Rail Competition to move the STB reauthorization/rail competition legislation during the congressional lame duck session. Although Terry was not overly optimistic that the legislation will move during the upcoming lame duck session, he reported that ARC was already laying the groundwork for a massive education campaign of newly elected House members. The House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee will have 24 new members so the educational task will be significant.

**IV. IBC Budget Report**

**Monthly check-off receipts, balance sheet and income statements** -- The Administrator reviewed budget reports as of November 30, 2010, showing check-off receipts totaling \$139,899, which are \$8,931.59 lower than for the same period last year. The Administrator reviewed the IBC's balance sheet and income statement, showing assets at \$599,002.64; total income to date at \$141,869.62, 38.4% of the budgeted amount for the year; and expenses at \$144,021.82, 30.9% of the budgeted amount. **A motion was made by Commissioner Tim Dillin, and seconded, to approve the IBC financial report as presented. The motion carried 4-0.**

**Production and IBC budget trends** – The Board engaged in a lengthy discussion with IGPA officers Scott Brown and Clark Kauffman on Idaho barley production and budget trends.

## **V. IBC Program Review**

**Tri-State Wheat-Barley Researchers Meetings** – The Administrator reviewed recommendations from a tri-state meeting of UI, WSU, OSU and ARS wheat and barley researchers held last May. She noted that Dr. Steve Ullrich, WSU barley breeder, has indicated he would like to retire in late 2011 and will not likely be replaced by WSU due to declining barley acreage and less research dollars provided by the Washington Grains Commission.

**UI CALS budget issues** – The Administrator touched on current CALS budget issues and the serious impacts that could result from another budget cut in FY 2012. CALS Dean John Hammel was attending the convention to explain the dire budget situation and a strategy underway to generate grass roots support to hold the line against further budget cuts at the Idaho Legislature. The Administrator encouraged board members to read an article on the CALS budget situation that was featured in the CALS most recent magazine.

**NBIC federal research funding trends** – The Administrator briefly touched on the situation with respect to federal appropriation earmarks (will be banned by Republicans for the foreseeable future). This means the end of funding for the MSU-UI Barley for Rural Development Special Research Grant. NBIC will focus future research funding strategy on trying to achieve ARS funding increases within the President's budget. The Obama Administration did recommend a large ARS Crop Protection Initiative, which if funded in FY 2011 would allocate \$500,000 to the ARS National Small Grains Germplasm Research Facility in Aberdeen for barley breeding and the world small grains collection. Unfortunately it does not look like these new initiatives will be funded in the final omnibus spending bill for FY 2011 that Congress will consider in their lame duck session in December or next winter when the new Congress convenes.

**Barley/Wheat CAP funding** – The Administrator reported on the successful effort to secure \$25 million (\$5 million for each of the next 5 years) in competitive USDA grant funding for a major new barley and wheat germplasm development for changing environments. This effort will be chaired by UC-Davis and funding is earmarked for ARS Aberdeen (barley breeding) and UI Aberdeen (wheat breeding for drought tolerance). The Administrator noted she was asked to be one of three PNW stakeholders to serve on a liaison committee, which she has agreed to do. Other stakeholder liaison committee members from our region include Tom Mick, Washington Grains Commission and Lola Raska, Montana Grain Growers Association. The committee will hold a conference call on Dec. 17 and meet in San Diego on Jan. 16 (Administrator does not plan to attend this meeting).

**USGC annual barley mission to Japan** – Commissioner Tim Dillin reported on the annual barley mission to Japan on Nov. 13-20, 2010. He felt it was a very productive trip but the outlook for future U.S. barley exports has become increasingly challenging due to new competition from Ukraine (much cheaper prices and lower quality but that is less of a factor in compound feed formulations) and declining U.S. barley production which tends to make us noncompetitive on price. Tim felt that there were future opportunities in the food barley market and in pursuing split cargoes (Japanese

government just recently approved) with other grains being shipped to Japan from Western U.S. ports and food barley.

**Barley crop insurance developments** – The Administrator reported on two crop insurance efforts that she has been directly involved in during the past several weeks:

- (1) Provide input to the USDA Risk Management Agency (RMA) on how the feed barley price guarantees should be derived under the 2011 combo policies;
- (2) Add several more Idaho counties to the list of winter barley coverage – RMA Spokane office has recommended the following counties be covered in 2012: Ada, Canyon, Elmore, Gem, Jerome, Minidoka and Twin Falls. The Administrator noted that she had requested other counties in eastern and northern Idaho be considered but due to a lack of production in these regions it was difficult to justify. We can petition to add new counties as production expands in the future. Meanwhile, producers in these other counties can still secure winter coverage through the written agreement process.

**Risk management education** – The Administrator quickly reported on recently completed and upcoming risk management educational programs:

- 1<sup>st</sup> webinar on Grain Market Outlook and Strategies for 2011 Malt Contracting was delivered by Kelly Olson and Craig Corbett on Sept. 14, 2010 – 54 participants.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> webinar on Technical Trading Trends in Futures Contracts / Current Grain Market Outlook, was delivered by Craig Corbett and Kelly Olson on Nov. 10, 2010 – 46 participants.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> webinar confirmed for Jan. 18, 2011 on farm machinery financing: ownership vs. leasing to be delivered by Iowa State Univ. ag economist William Edwards, Ames, IA.
- 4<sup>th</sup> webinar confirmed for Jan. 27, 2011 on optimizing fertility in malting barley and hard red spring wheat to be delivered by UI agronomist Brad Brown, Parma.
- Live workshops will be held Dec. 16 in Blackfoot and Rexburg on “**Understanding technical trends in grain futures & strategies for enhancing your 2011 malting barley/wheat contract net returns**” to be delivered by Craig Corbett and Kelly Olson.

## ***VI. Other / Calendar***

**Travel Authorizations** – A motion was made by Industry Representative Clay Kaasa, and seconded, to approve a marketing trip to eastern Washington and Portland by Commissioner Tim Dillin and the Administrator in late January 2011. The motion carried 4-0.

**A final motion was made by Commissioner Dwight Little, and seconded, to approve all acts and transactions of the December 2, 2010 IBC meeting. The motion carried 4-0.**

With no other business, the IBC meeting was adjourned by Chairman Ron Elkin at 12:15 p.m .

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Ron Elkin, Chairman

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