

The Protection Product Harmonization and Registration Board  
Minutes of December 16th, 2014 Meeting

The North Dakota Crop Protection Product Harmonization and Registration Board met on December 16, 2014, in the Governor's Conference Room of the State Capitol in Bismarck, ND.

Board Chairman Jeff Topp called the meeting to order at 9:02 am. Board members in attendance included Chairman Jeff Topp, Deputy Agriculture Commissioner Tom Bodine sitting in for Agriculture Commissioner Doug Goehring, Representative Marvin Nelson, Troy Bassingthwaite, Stan Buxa, Representative Mike Brandenburg, Terry Weckerly, Ivan Williams and Senator Terry Wanzek. Dr. Ken Grafton was absent. A quorum was declared.

Non-board members present for all or part of the meeting in person or via telephone included, Jim Gray (NDDA), Brandy Kiefel (NDDA), and Dan Wogsland (NDGGA). Dr. Harlene Hatterman-Valenti (NDSU), Dr. Andy Robinson, (NDSU) and Dr. Michael Wunsch (NDSU) were dialed in on phone.

It was noted that a notice of meeting had been filed with the ND Secretary of State. A copy of the agenda was posted next to the main entry to the meeting room in the hallway.

**I. Approval of Minutes.** Wanzek moved to approve the minutes of the board meeting on April 1st, 2014. The motion was seconded by Weckerly. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

**II. Minor Use Fund Grand Budget Report.** Gray provided a report on the Minor Use Fund. There was \$69,564.81 carried over in the Minor Use Fund from the 2011-2013 biennium to the 2013-2015 biennium. With the \$325,000 appropriation from the legislative assembly, there was a total of \$394,564.81 available at the beginning of the current biennium. The Board made \$175,172 in Minor Use Fund payments this biennium with an additional \$81,422 of funding obligation, leaving \$137,970.81 in net Minor Use Fund dollars available.

**III. Pesticide harmonization Grant Budget Report.** Gray provided a report on the Pesticide Harmonization Grant fund. Gray explained that this fund pays for Board operating expenses and is used for harmonization grants. There was \$41,330.12 of net funds available in the fund.

**IV. Consideration of New Pesticide Harmonization Grand Request.** Topp referred members to tab D in their meeting binders. Dan Wogsland, Executive Director of the North Dakota Grain Growers Association presented a harmonization grant request for \$20,952 to defer costs associated with 2014 E-tour. Wogsland explained that the E-tour is an opportunity for the Grain Growers to host staff members from EPA's Office of

Pesticide Programs to discuss North Dakota pesticide issues, showcase North Dakota agriculture, and build relationships with EPA. Seven EPA officials took part in the 2014 E-tour. Topics highlighted during the tour included pollinator/pesticide issues and water issues in North Dakota. The group witnessed the control center of an oil shuttle loading facility in Belfield, they are impressed with the farm visits and the modern technology employed by North Dakota Agriculture. Wogsland also thanked the NDDA staff and Board members who participated in the tour.

Brandenburg moved to approve the funding request. Motion was seconded by Williams. Topp called for a voice vote and all voted in favor. Motion carried.

**V. Consideration of New Minor Use Fund Requests.** Topp referred members to tab E through G in their meeting binders which included three research proposals. He opened the floor to each researcher to provide a brief synopsis of their proposals.

*A. Weed Control in Juneberry: Evaluating Spring vs Fall Applications: Dr. Harlene Hatterman-Valenti, NDSU.* Dr. Hatterman-Valenti presented the Board with her proposal on weed control in juneberry to evaluate spring vs fall applications. It was noted that juneberry are grouped with blueberry and no herbicides are registered for use on blueberry. The proposed two-year study would evaluate fall and spring herbicide applications, including glyphosate. The goal is to register additional herbicides for use on juneberry. The total budget would be \$42,478 over two years. Hatterman-Valenti requested \$21,039 in Minor Use funds.

Williams asked how many acres. Hatterman-Valenti replied four concentrated, 10-15 acres.

Wanzek asked what the national value is of a juneberry. Hatterman-Valenti replied they rank above blueberries, extremely national, have great health attributes.

Buxa asked if have tried funding elsewhere. Hatterman-Valenti replied no, was told this board would be most appropriate group, will try to fund else for second year.

*B. Utilizing 2,4-D for Weed Suppression in Potato Production: Dr. Andy Robinson, NDSU.* Robinson presented the Board with his proposal for a one-year request to propose an experiment to determine if low rates of 2,4-D provide sufficient suppression and control of weeds and to determine if there are any adverse effects of 2,4-D on white-yellow and russet skinned potato plants. Project will be completed at Inkster, ND and Forest River, ND, which will give two different soil types and different weed species. Robertson asking for \$13,741.

Buxa asked about other research done on this. Robinson replied there is research with 2,4-D on red potatoes, but hasn't found information on white or yellow potatoes.

*C. Using Insecticides to Manage Secondary Spread of Pea Seed-borne Mosaic Virus: Dr. Michael Wunsch, NDSU.* Wunsch presented the Board with his proposal for the second year of the three year project. Pea seed-borne mosaic virus (PSbMV) is a damaging viral pathogen of field peas and lentils that causes significant losses, including cracked seed coats and discoloration. The intent of the project is to optimize insecticide recommendations for control of aphid-mediated PSbMV transmission and establish thresholds for seed-borne PSbMV and populations at which insecticide usage is profitable. Wunsch was asking for \$20,000 for one of the two research trials. Northern Pulse Growers Association has fully matched the funding for this project as well.

Board members ranked the funding proposals and provided their score sheets to Gray and Kiefel. There was open discussion.

Topp requested action on the proposal, "Weed Control in Juneberry: Evaluating Spring vs Fall Applications" found in tab E. Wanzek moved to fund project at \$21,039. Motion was seconded by Bassingthwaite. Those in favor: Buxa, Bassingthwaite, Weckerly, Brandenburg, Nelson, Wanzek, Bodine. Those opposed: none. Motion carried.

Topp requested action on the proposal, "Utilizing 2,4-D for Weed Suppression on Potato Production" found in tab F. Weckerly moved to fund the project at the requested amount of \$13,741. Motion was seconded by Bassingthwaite. Those in favor: Buxa, Bassingthwaite, Brandenburg, Nelson, Wanzek, Bodine. Those opposed: none. Motion carried.

Topp requested action on the proposal, "Using Insecticides to Manage Secondary Spread of Pea Seed-Borne Mosaic Virus" found in tab G. Buxa moved motion to fund project at the requested amount of \$20,000. Wanzek seconded the motion. Those in favor: Buxa, Bassingthwaite, Brandenburg, Nelson, Wanzek, Bodine. Those opposed: none. Motion carried.

**V. Old Business.** None

**VI. New Business.**

Brandenburg asked to talk about upcoming legislature and EPA. Bassingthwaite suggested the Agriculture Department line up an agenda to go to Washington, DC to visit with EPA about issues affecting agriculture. Williams agreed would be good to line up a trip with the Board. Bodine agreed to discuss the idea with Agriculture Commissioner Doug Goehring.

Board members discussed the need to meet again in April of 2015. Topp adjourned the meeting.