

WASHINGTON STATE COMMISSION ON PESTICIDE REGISTRATION

MINUTES (APPROVED)

March 11, 2003

Department of Ecology, Lacey, Washington

Chair Herb Teas, Presiding

Chair Teas calls meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

Commissioners in attendance: Bob Berger, Bill Green, Chuck Masters, Ben Barstow, Bryan Sakuma, Dan Robinson, Bill Mason, Doug Walsh, Herb Teas, Ann George, Art Losey, Jay Schafer, Janet Kurina – L&I.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Chair Herb Teas asked for public comment. There were no comments.

INTRODUCTIONS

Introductions were made.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Alan Schreiber reviewed the financial report. \$76,000 forward allocated. The amount before us now is \$92,886. If we chose to fund these proposals today, we'd stay within our forward allocation amount. Alan Schreiber explained the term 'forward allocation' to the new Commissioner, Jay Schafer.

Alan Schreiber explained a possibility of a new report for the Commission that had been requested by Ann George at the last meeting. He passed out an example of a report that he uses for the Washington Asparagus Commission. Alan Schreiber said that if the Commissioners liked the report, he would have it for them starting in June.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

Next meeting is May 8, Washington State Potato Commission. Alan Schreiber reviewed upcoming meeting dates and locations. Alan Schreiber reviewed the Commissioner list and hours worked spreadsheet.

Alan Schreiber discussed GLP projects that the Commission had funded and reviewed handout. Alan Schreiber met with the folks at IR-4 in New Jersey to discuss these GLP projects and their status. Alan Schreiber reported what came out of that meeting. Alan Schreiber stated that he will try to get money back from IR-4 for projects that didn't go forward. Alan Schreiber asked for input on this matter from Ann George. She said to go ahead with that plan. Alan Schreiber asked for input from other Commissioners. Discussion followed on different types of Commission support in those projects and reasons for asking for money back.

Washington Pest Control Tour – high level of interest in tour. Consistent message from people Alan Schreiber has talked to: interested in working with us and supporting us. People want more focused, one-day tours in different areas. Focus on state legislative and regulatory people. Could have them in separate months, and focus on different areas and people each time. A new idea from people would be for us to partner up with other people for the tour – and not make it only a Commission tour. If we get legislators on the tour, they would want to talk about other issues than we would want to talk about; things beyond pesticides. Most people Alan Schreiber talked to wanted to talk about water. Alan Schreiber said he needs feedback on whether or not we want to keep the tour focused on pest management issues. Line up areas and topics and then invite legislators for those areas. More discussion followed regarding tour planning. Skaggit, King County, south of King County are possible areas. Discussion on cost of the tour and to the Commission. No registration fees.

Alan Schreiber reviewed the projects that have been funded since October, 2002 – excel spreadsheet handout. Discussed Old Mandate and New Mandate; Commission funded half and half overall, which follows what we thought to be legislative intent for us. Alan Schreiber also reviewed the four proposals that will be presented at this meeting.

REVIEW AND DISCUSSION ON SHELLFISH RESEARCH PROPOSALS

Alan Schreiber explained that these three proposals were tabled from the Commission's last meeting because of questions and concerns. Introductions were made. Representing the industry are: Brian Sheldon, Kim Patten, Steve Drew, Dennis Tuffs, Nick Holsom, Dan Cheney, Chris Grue, Alan Horowitz, R Brown, Heather Hansen.

Dan Cheney reviewed the regulatory groups and requirements and how the proposals fit into them. Discussed moving to an IPM program. Discussion on 24c and EPA.

Question/answer period between Commissioners and industry representatives. Topics included matching funds for projects, project sampling design, budget modification, oyster grower resources/participation, environmental impacts, costs to run program, project time frame, IPM program, carbaryl impacts and alternatives.

DISCUSSION ON PROPOSED MOVE TO OFM

WSU is supportive of a disaffiliation if the fiscal oversight transfers to OFM with the appropriations. If we move, they say we are exposed to greater cuts and we will lose our option of carrying money forward. Richard McCarten gave his legal assessment on the issue. Explained that we are in a position to stay with WSU. Another option is to go to the Legislature. Alan Schreiber explained that OFM has 36 clients currently. Charlie Brown, Lobbyist, also added his input regarding the matter, saying that it is possible for the Commission to make the move to another fiscal agent. Charlie Brown also said that it would be a line item in the budget and you would go in and talk to the Legislature. Charlie Brown discussed the chances of getting a greater cut or not by doing this. Discussion on OFM processes and costs as well as WSU's processes and costs. Discussion on general fund and capital budget money. Discussion on carry-overs and importance that the Commission can continue to do this. Commissioners would like a formalized statement of what OFM can do for us and what they will charge. They would like Alan Schreiber to find out about carry-forwards.

Ben Barstow made a motion to hold off until the supplemental budget session and in the mean time, get all of the Commission's questions for OFM answered. Ted Maxwell seconded the motion.

The motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

PROPOSAL PRESENTATION – 03AN057 Developing Biological Control for Invasive Hawkweeds

Linda Wilson – University of Idaho

Handout. Reviewed project proposal and described seriousness of Hawkweed invasion. Discussed habitats and environments. Four insects species have been identified and are undergoing host-specificity and efficacy studies by collaborators in Switzerland. Discussion on dollar values and impacts on pasture land. 130,000 –140,000 acres of this infested land is in Washington. It spreads like strawberries.

PROPOSAL DISCUSSION / DECISIONS

Oyster/Burrowing Shrimp Proposals

Ben Barstow made a motion to approve all three oyster projects for funding at the requested amount. Bill Green seconded the motion.

The motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Hawkweed Proposal

Ann George made a motion to approve this project for funding at the amount requested. Bill Green seconded the motion.

The motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

WSCP R POLICY & PROCEDURE UPDATE

Bill Green handed out copies of the policies and procedures. Review of old and proposed new polices and procedures. Discussion on how to determine a policy versus a procedure. Discussion on changes to Bill’s version of the manual. Commissioners agree that the manual is looking good and request that Bill Green have it completed for the May meeting. Bill Green will e-mail it out prior to the May meeting for the Commissioner’s review.

OTHER BUSINESS

Alan Schreiber explained that we will be reviewing the Commission’s budget at the next meeting. Alan Schreiber will have a draft budget. Alan Schreiber brought up the annual contract to provide administrative services for the Commission – bid or sole source. Richard McCarten recommended that we go out for bid on a regular interval – every third year. He recommends to sole source until the third year. We need to make a decision on what to do for going forward. Alan Schreiber explained the history of the Commission on bidding for administrative services.

Bob Berger made a motion to sole source for administrative services this coming year. Ted Maxwell seconded the motion.

The motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Alan Schreiber will report on the sole source issue at the next meeting. Alan Schreiber asked about having the PNN folks come in to the next meeting to discuss funding them. If time permits, Alan Schreiber will also have a researcher or two come in to present on the progress on projects at the next meeting.

Alan Schreiber will resubmit the proposed minutes to the Commissioners via e-mail prior to the next meeting.

Chair Herb Teas asks for any further comments. There were none.

Chair Herb Teas adjourns the meeting.