

Washington State Commission on Pesticide Registration

March 29, 2007

Northwestern Washington Research and Extension Center

Mount Vernon, Washington

Charles Masters, Chair

Approved minutes

Commissioners in attendance: Bryan Sakuma, Andy Jensen, Ben Barstow, Doug Walsh, Dan Robinson, Byron Phillips, Kurt Volker, Pam Edwards, Jay Schafer, Art Losey, Erik Johansen, Gina McCauley, Chuck Masters, Cynthia Lopez

Staff present was: Alan Schreiber, Laurie Wishkoski

Guests present were: Deb Inglis, WSU-NWREC superintendent, WSU liaison Vicki McCracken, Deb Bahs with WSDA, Henry Bierlink with Washington Red Raspberry Commission, Tracy Probst with Agriculture Development Group, Inc.

Chair Masters called the meeting to order at 10:05 am.

Introductions

Introductions were made.

Minutes

Chair Masters called for comments or corrections to the minutes of the January meeting. There were three corrections noted.

Andy Jensen moved to approve the minutes as corrected. Ben Barstow seconded the motion. The motion passed with Byron Phillips abstaining.

Financial Report

Alan Schreiber went over the financial report. Alan Schreiber reminded the commissioners that the Commission runs on a fiscal year so the year is close to being over. All expenses were explained. A biennial progress report would not be done this year due to one being done last year. Administrative expenses were discussed. There have been no new charges from the Attorney General's office. Most office expenses are, in general, covered by the administrative fee. Operating expenses should come in under budget. The travel and meetings budget is already over budget not including the March meeting or the May meeting. The overall cost of travel has increased especially in the cost of hotel stays. In the past more of the room costs were covered by the different groups and are now being covered by the WSCPR. Andy Jensen asked if there should be more money allotted in the budget for next year. Alan Schreiber replied that the budget is developed at the May meeting.

Kurt Volker moved that the administrator examine this issue and make a recommendation at the May meeting that would reflect the increased costs. Erik Johansen seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Chuck Masters inquired whether this issue is covered in the enabling legislation. Alan Schreiber replied that only the most general framework of the Commission is covered. The way that the Commission uses its money is up to the Commission.

Alan Schreiber explained the checking account amounts. There are reimbursements that have not been received yet. Expenses listed, since the January meeting, were explained on a line by line basis. Gina McCauley asked why two check numbers were repeated. Andy Jensen asked for information about an even \$2500 dollar payment. Alan explained the even amount payment. Kurt Volker asked if the amount that was paid by Alan Schreiber showed up on this report. Alan Schreiber replied that he would investigate and provide answers to the questions. Byron Phillips and Kurt Volker asked that more detail regarding the credit card be provided in subsequent reports.

Administrative Report

Alan Schreiber gave the administrative report. The process of the research project award letters and rejection letters is explained. The administration works to get better all the time. There does not seem to be any problem if the researcher is affiliated with WSU but if the researcher is otherwise affiliated then sometimes there is a problem with contract creation. The agreement with WSU is that the contracts be sent out within six weeks. At 7 weeks, Alan Schreiber emailed his concerns and the issue was resolved. Overall the grant administration is running smoothly.

Alan Schreiber went over the proposed agenda for the Pest Control Tour. This year the Tour will be on the west side of the state. The Tour when it is on the west side is much more spread out than when it is on the east side. Tide gates will be an issue for discussion at a stop on the Tour. Farming, pesticides, water and salmon would all be subjects for discussion and information. Erik Johansen asked if any representatives from

the appropriate state agencies have been lined up. Alan Schreiber said that arrangements for that part of the Tour have not yet been made. Money is always an issue for the Tour. Generally the Tours have been run for about \$21,000. The dinner at Bowman Bay was one of the ways to economize. The second day will be in the urban corridor. The Puyallup Research Center will be one of the stops, the golf course that was the stop on the Tour in '05 will hopefully be a stop again. The Mima nursery will be a stop. Bob Berger could be a passenger for the second day to give a talk during the passage to Willapa Bay. Rights of way are an important issue. Kurt Volker said that rights of way are a very important issue to Chairman Campbell.

Cynthia Lopez, the newest member of the WSCPR from the Department of Health, introduced herself to the Commission.

Noxious weeds will be a topic for the Tour. Spartina is a good example of the successful use of a pesticide to aid an environmental problem. Cranberries will be a stop on the Tour. The last morning will be out on an oyster schooner to discuss the burrowing shrimp issue then across the bay to do a forestry stop in the way out.

Alan Schreiber asked for feedback from the commissioners. Andy Jensen asked how the attendees were recruited. Alan Schreiber replied that he asked for input as to who should be invited. Heather Hansen, Mike Shelby, Kim Patten, oyster growers, and chemical representatives that have been on the Tour before are all sources of information. Andy Jensen asked who paid for their attendance. The private sector attendees must pay for themselves. The public sector attendees pay only for their own lodging and transportation to and from the Tour. Andy Jensen asked if Ann George's EPA tour was not going to be done any more. Doug Walsh said that he believed that there was only going to be a one year hiatus. Art Losey said that Ann Wick is the current president of the American Association of Pest Control Operators (AAPCO). Art Losey offered that this fact could encourage EPA folks to attend the Tour if that is desired.

Alan Schreiber reported on the Washington Ag Project. Alan Schreiber went over the project for the benefit of those that are new to the Commission. The Washington Ag Project was approved nine months ago to update Alan Schreiber's book Washington Minor Crops and to make it a searchable e-book. Tracy Probst is introduced to the Commission. Byron Phillips asked about the hosting of the site for the e-book. Byron Phillips wondered if WSU would be a good place to host it. Alan Schreiber went over the list that had been handed out of 89 crops. Interactions with the WSDA have resulted in the cooperative creation of this list. The notations on the list were explained. Collection of usage data has been a source of confusion and concern between WSDA and ADG. Each entity will collect data on some crops. Alan Schreiber showed and spoke about the pinning charts. Alan Schreiber said that he felt sure that there would be more than the promised 84 crops. Ben Barstow asked to see mustard seed. Mustard seed would not appear. The search feature was demonstrated. There was difficulty getting a wireless signal. Chuck Masters asked for clarification for some notations. Alan Schreiber demonstrated the search feature with the use of aphid. The search feature was

also demonstrated with Admire. The advanced search feature was also demonstrated. Hanu Pappu has a partially endowed chair for virus research in dahlias.

Deb Bahs gave a presentation and an explanation of the difficulties that had recently arisen due to technical issues. WSDA has mapped down to the detail of a quarter-section. Deb Bahs demonstrated the mapping and the layers.

Lunch

Proposals

Alan Schreiber spoke about the proposals that are before the commissioners. Three proposals were emailed out and three will be looked at. Jay Brunner's proposal was mailed out but it will not be looked at. His proposal had been approved with the caveat that changes be made and they were made.

Wee Yee's proposal is 07AN062. We require that there be documentation of the matching funds that are listed in the proposal. Yee did not receive the amount that he requested but there was still more than a 1:1 match ratio. Yee however changed the scope of his work to compensate for the loss of funds. Byron Phillips said that he would assume that the Washington Tree Fruit Research Commission had asked Yee to drop one objective and so would give a less amount of money. Kurt Volker asked to see his blue sheet from the previous meeting in order to review it. Byron Phillips told the Commission that Wee Yee gets a lot of work done with the money he receives.

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| <p><i>Kurt Volker moved to approve funding for 07AN062. Andy Jensen seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</i></p> |
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Lynell Tanigoshi's proposal is 07PN063. A majority of the concern with this proposal centered around the failure to adhere to the guidelines as set forth in the RFP. Byron Phillips asked about the amount of money available to fund projects. Alan Schreiber replied that the Commission was close to allocating all of its money. Doug Walsh asked if this included any forward allocation. Alan Schreiber said that the Commission has spent less than its allocation and there is the expectation that some money will be returned. Kurt Volker asked how many proposals remain to be examined. There is only one additional proposal. Doug Walsh asked if the registrants would want to have a pyrethroid included. It was asked if the strawberry industry needed to have this work done. Bryan Sakuma stated that the strawberry industry does need this work done. Doug Walsh said that work on root weevils is difficult because pest infestations are very spotty. Bryan Sakuma said that they have a field that is significantly impacted. Lack of chemicals to combat root weevils has caused the length of field rotations to be changed. There is no way to effectively treat root weevils at the larval stage. This requires waiting until the adults are out and by then the damage is already done. Chuck Masters said that he felt that the issues of concern were addressed so the decision should be made on whether or not this pest is critical. Gina McCauley asked if this work could be transferable to ornamentals. Doug Walsh said that it could but that decision would be up to the WSDA. Ben Barstow asked whether it was appropriate to compare the treatments

in this manner. Kurt Volker replied that the flat fan application was for adult treatment and the drench treatment was for the larval stage. Chuck Masters called for a motion.

Art Losey moved to approve proposal 07PN063. Erik Johansen seconded the motion. Vote was taken by a show of hands. The motion passed with 6 in favor, 3 against and 1 abstention.

Robert Linderman's proposal is 07AN051. Alan Schreiber introduced the issue. This proposal was originally presented in November and turned down due to the concern over matching funds. This issue was addressed but the funding was not received as anticipated. Chuck Masters said that he had had several discussions with Linderman. This is a significant pest. The pathogen comes into the nursery from many different sources and contaminates both the media and the pots. Use of chlorine dioxide would be a way to sterilize the media and the containers. Chuck Masters and Bob Linderman decided to pare down the work to be able to still complete the work this season. Chuck Masters explained the funding and the budget allotments. Work would be done on the seed portion and the container portion. Alan Schreiber said that the company had sent a letter detailing their contributions. The industry has had to increase their dues. Weyerhaeuser could put up the cash but is tired of always being asked for more money. Kurt Volker asked how a discussion on this proposal could take place without a proposal to look at. Bryan asked if there were safety concerns. Chuck Masters asked if there was any more discussion or if there were motions to be made.

Jay Schafer moved to table the vote on this proposal until the next meeting so that the new proposal could be distributed and examined. Erik Johansen seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Other Business

Alan Schreiber said that work has been done to get Gary Chandler to attend the next meeting. If Gary Chandler can attend the next meeting then the meeting will be in Moses Lake rather than in Pullman as scheduled. Chuck Masters said that if the meeting was in Moses Lake then we needed to have barbecued beef brisket.

The financial report will be evaluated at the next meeting.

There was no other business.

Andy Jensen moved to adjourn. Byron Phillips seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Deb Inglis gave a guided tour of the new facility at Mount Vernon.