

PEACH AND NECTARINE RESEARCH PROGRAM BOARD MEETING

Minutes of February 1, 2023

Hershey Lodge and Convention Center

Cocoa Board Boom

325 University Drive

Hershey, PA 17033

Public notice of the February 1, 2023 Pennsylvania Peach and Nectarine Research Program Board Meeting was given as stipulated by the Sunshine Law.

CALL TO ORDER

Norman Schultz, Chair, called the meeting to order at 7:23 a.m. Board members in attendance included Tad E. Kuntz, Vice Chair; Henry Frecon; Wayne Hollabaugh; Jeremy Zeager; and Tyler Fetters.

Dean Spencer and Mike Kurek were absent.

Attending were Patrick Andrews, Chief of Market Development; Lindsay Young, Senior Manager, McKonly and Asbury; Holly Zarefoss, Administrative Assistant for Commodities; and Jenny Groff, Clerical Assistant.

Ashley Fehr, Director, Constituent Services, James Schupp, Ph.D. , Penn State Research Fruit Research and Extension Center, and Hemant Gohil, County Agent II, Rutgers Cooperative Extension of Gloucester County, New Jersey, were also present.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

RESOLUTION 2023.01 -APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Presented by: Tad Kuntz

Seconded by: Jeremy Zeager

Passed: Unanimously.

To approve the July 11, 2022 meeting minutes.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Lindsay Young, McKonly and Asbury, referred Board members to information on the screen regarding the A/P Aging QuickZoom regarding Rutgers research, Balance Sheet and Profit and Loss comparison. She will email further detailed expenses to members.

RESOLUTION 2023.02-APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL REPORT

Presented by: Henry Frecon

Seconded by: Tyler Fetters

Passed: Unanimously.

To approve the Financial Report as presented.

PRESENTATION

James Schupp, Ph.D. , Penn State Research Fruit Research and Extension Center, presented before the Board for discussion regarding his untimely receipt of requests for proposals from the Board. He stated that historically the Peach Program and SHAP grants were written by researchers, but in recent years, all of this information had to be reviewed by the sponsored programs as well as the grants and contracts office at the college. Dr. Schupp suggested that requests for proposals be sent out earlier for a due date before Christmas.

Dr. Schupp indicated he was contemplating retiring July 1 of 2023. Dr. Crassweller had retired recently. Dr. Schupp was hopeful Dean Roush will announce a replacement for the assistant professor/extension specialist. Dr. Schupp will continue on until the end of 2023 to help with that transition.

Mr. Andrews suggested the new person be invited to meet the Board at its July meeting.

Dr. Schupp outlined current site projects. Dr. Schupp noted that even though he will be retired, he hoped to remain active by mentoring new faculty.

FINANCIAL REPORT (CONTINUED)

Ms. Young relayed additional information with regard to two projects, including researcher Dr. Norman LaLancette, Rutgers University, and Dr. Hemant Gohil's project proposed last year.

2023 RESEARCH PROJECT PROPOSAL

Dr. Hemant Gohil, Rutgers Cooperative Extension of Gloucester County, New Jersey, discussed his request for research funds for projects to compare new peach research varieties to the existing standard varieties, to continue to collect relevant data on variety evaluations, and to characterize the storage potential and fruit quality of some new peach cultivars from the Rutgers Stone Fruit Breeding Program. Dr. Gohil answered questions regarding peach varieties.

To accept the proposal to continue to research on varieties.

RESOLUTION 2023.03-APPROVAL OF PROPOSAL

Presented by: Henry Frecon

Seconded by: Wayne Hollabaugh

Passed: Unanimously.

To approve Dr. Gohil's proposal to continue to research varieties of peaches.

ASSESSMENT REPORT

Jenny Groff, Clerical Assistant reported on the following: As of 1/16/23, \$15,709.20 worth of assessments were collected from 81 producers for the 2022 marketing season. \$12,517.20 had been banked, and the remaining \$3,200 will go in the next round of deposits. Six delinquents remained from 2021. 2022 letters were mailed in November of 2022.

RESOLUTION 2023.04-APPROVAL OF ASSESSMENT REPORT

Presented by: Tad Kuntz

Seconded by: Tyler Fetters

Passed: Unanimously.

To approve the Assessment Report as presented.

NEXT MEETING DATE

Holly Zarefoss, Administrative Assistant for Commodities, reviewed possible dates for the next meeting. Board members agreed to Monday, July 10, 2023, 9:00 a.m. as the next meeting date, which will be held virtually.

As a reminder, Mr. Andrews noted two items generally finalized at this meeting include setting the budget for the year with Lindsay and reelecting officers.

RESOLUTION 2023.05-APPROVAL OF NEXT MEETING DATE

Presented by: Jeremy Zeager

Seconded by: Henry Frecon

Passed: Unanimously.

To approve the next meeting date as discussed.

NEW BUSINESS

There was discussion regarding the attendance and re-appointments of Board members. Emails followed by forms would be provided by the Secretary for those interested.

Chair Schultz noted a drone had been approved for the spreading of sweet corn, field corn, and crops. He discussed uses for peach branches.

Ashley Fehr, Director, Constituent Services, thanked Board members for contributing to the Farm Show.

ADJOURN

RESOLUTION 2023.06-ADJOURNMENT

Presented by: Tyler Fetters

Seconded by: Tad Kuntz

Passed: Unanimously.

To adjourn the meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:33 a.m.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Victoria Lantz", is written over a horizontal line.

Victoria Lantz

February 1, 2023

