

PEACH AND NECTARINE RESEARCH PROGRAM BOARD MEETING
Minutes of July 11, 2022

Public notice of the July 11, 2022 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 9:03 a.m. Board members in attendance included Tad E. Kuntz, Vice Chair; Wayne Hollabaugh; Dean Spencer; and Jeremy Zeager.

Attending were Patrick Andrews, Chief of Market Development; Lindsay Young, Senior Manager, McKonly and Asbury; and Adam Morris, Esquire

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

RESOLUTION 2022.7 -APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Presented by: Tad Kuntz

Seconded by: Jeremy Zeager

Passed: Unanimously.

To approve the February 2, 2022 meeting minutes.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

RESOLUTION 2022.8 -APPROVAL OF OFFICERS

Presented by: Jeremy Zeager

Seconded by: Wayne Hollabaugh

Passed: Unanimously.

To approve the current Board members as they are.

REVIEW FINANCIALS

Lindsay Young, McKonly and Asbury, referred Board members to information on the screen regarding the checking account balance, accounts payable, and earnings that will be utilized towards future projects. Holly would be contacted regarding this year's grant contracts.

Ms. Young referred to various assessments collected from July of 2021 through May of 2022. Collections had been started on the 2022 crop year. Various fees included accounting, board expenses, postage, and court reporting.

She discussed the Assessment Audit. She noted that PDA continues to send various audit requests for delinquent accounts, and thus far, \$7,300 has been collected. Ms. Young referred to information regarding the additional \$2,500 collected for the 2021 marketing season.

RESOLUTION 2022.9 -APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL AND ASSESSMENT REPORTS

Presented by: Tad Kuntz

Seconded by: Wayne Hollabaugh

Passed: Unanimously.

To approve the Financial and Assessment Reports as presented.

Ashley Fehr entered the meeting at 10:13 a.m.

CONTRACT EXTENSION - MCKONLY AND ASBURY

Mr. Andrews stated McKonly and Asbury requested a very modest and reasonable fee increase, which would total approximately \$5 per month. There was further discussion.

RESOLUTION 2022.10 -APPROVAL OF FEE INCREASE FOR MCKONLY AND ASBURY

Presented by: Jeremy Zeager

Seconded by: Tad Kuntz

Passed: Unanimously.

To approve the new fee structure.

2022-2023 BUDGET

Ms. Young explained, in the past, the old budget was reviewed, and information was used to establish a new one. She referred to the prior year's program budget for further discussion. Mr. Andrews explained that two grants in the amount of \$12,235 would come off of available funds. He noted the accounting fees part of the budget would need to be changed to reflect the increase. Other changes were noted. Any additional information received for the approved research projects for the 2022-2023 year would be incorporated into the budget.

RESOLUTION 2022.11 -APPROVAL OF BUDGET

Presented by: Tad Kuntz

Seconded by: Wayne Hollabaugh

Passed: Unanimously.

To approve the budget with changes as presented verbally.

Lindsay Young, McKonly and Asbury, exited the meeting at 9:30 a.m.

REVIEW OF RESEARCH TOPICS

Mr. Andrews urged the members to comment of items to be highlighted in the RFPS after reviewing the survey results. There was discussion regarding frost protection, hardened varieties, and market research using peach branches as a floral component. Mr. Andrews and Mr. Morris will work on a more formal recruitment process for proposals.

NEW BUSINESS

Chair Schultz asked for comments on the percentage of their peach crops this year. Mr. Kuntz commented on having probably better than 80 percent of the crop, and some of the early varieties were late. Mr. Spencer noted severe damage in March 2022 at 19 degrees with maybe 15 percent of the crop. Mr. Zeager noted 10 or 15 percent damage to his crop. Mr. Hollabaugh stated he had an average crop, but nothing compared to last year.

ADJOURN

RESOLUTION 2022.12-ADJOURNMENT

Presented by: Tad Kuntz

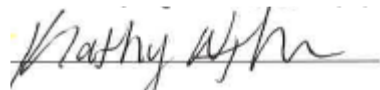
Seconded by: Wayne Hollabaugh

Passed: Unanimously.

To adjourn the meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:37 a.m.

The next meeting will be held at the Mid-Atlantic Fruit and Vegetable Conference.



Kathryn Witherow

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