

**PENNSYLVANIA WINE MARKETING AND RESEARCH PROGRAM**  
**MS TEAMS VIRTUAL BOARD MEETING**  
**Minutes of the December 7, 2022 Board Meeting**

Public notice of the December 7, 2022 Pennsylvania Wine Marketing and Research Program Board Meeting was given as stipulated by the Sunshine Law.

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mario Mazza, Chairman, called the virtual meeting to order at 11:03 a.m. Board members in attendance included Karl Zimmerman, Vice Chair; David Hoffman; Carley Razzi; Elwin Stewart; Chris Dietz; and Jamie Williams.

Jake Gruver, John Landis, Treasurer, John Skrip, III, Robert Mazza, and Lela Reichart were not present.

Also present were Patrick Andrews, Chief of Marketing Development, PDA; Beth Williams, Board Project/Program Coordinator; Holly Zarefoss, Administrative Assistant for Commodities; Jenny Groff, Clerical Assistant.

**MENGJUN HU PROPOSAL**

**Determining Fungicide Resistance in Grapevine Downy Mildew to Identify and Develop More Sustainable and Effective Disease Control**

Chairman Mazza referred members to a copy of the proposal for further review. By way of background, he noted the proposal was granted for funding to the PLCB but there were stipulations in the contract that because of the coordination between University of Maryland and Penn State that were not in complete alignment with guides for which PLCB was unyielding and unwilling to make any accommodation. That University of Maryland and Penn State were not able to agree on stipulations within the timeline and therefore, were not approved and that funding has been considered forfeited by the PLCB. Chairman noted this issue is not to be decided here and asked Board members whether the project should be supported via ACMA funds to honor its commitment or consider the PLCB denial as the "final word" of this proposal.

Mr. Andrews clarified it was specially the University of Maryland and not Penn State agreeing to anything and it's regarding the part of the contract with regard to what would happen if there was a problem. He reiterated the PLCB is not willing to negotiate on a specific term as the contract writer.

Mr. Stewart commented the proposal is low risk research and recommending moving forward with ACMA funds.

**RESOLUTION 2022.36-APPROVAL OF MENGJUN HU PROPOSAL**

Presented by: David Hoffman

Seconded by: Jamie Williams

Passed: Unanimously

To honor the commitment to this project utilizing ACMA funds for the total of \$85,263 as the previously recommended proposal.

**RESOLUTION 2022.37-ADJOURNMENT**

Presented by: Jamie Williams

Seconded by: Chris Dietz

Passed: Unanimously

To adjourn the meeting.

**2023 MEETING DATES**

There was discussion regarding the emails received from Ms. Zarefoss regarding this meeting and the 2023 meeting dates. Chair Mazza noted a conflict with the May 23, 2023 date and stated that Ms. Zarefoss will email May 30, 2023 as the alternative date. Mr. Andrews noted the meeting cannot be later than May 30th or it would have to be backed up to earlier in the month. Members would review the 2023 meeting dates.

**MISCELLANEOUS DISCUSSION**

Mr. Stewart inquired who would be negotiating the final contract with the University of Maryland. Mr. Andrews noted Mr. Morris in the Legal Department would handle that for the Board.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the Pennsylvania Wine Marketing and Research Program Board Virtual Meeting adjourned at 11:19 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted:



Matthew Ford, December 7, 2022