

THE NORTH DAKOTA CROP PROTECTION PRODUCT HARMONIZATION AND REGISTRATION BOARD

MINUTES OF DECEMBER 15, 2022

The North Dakota Crop Protection Product Harmonization and Registration Board met on December 15, 2022.

Chairman Jeff Topp called the meeting to order at 1:01 p.m. Board members present were: Commissioner Doug Goehring, Senator Larry Luick, Representative Paul Thomas, Senator Kathy Hogan, Tom Bernhardt, Eric Lahlum, Troy Bassingthwaite, Stan Buxa, and Dr. Greg Lardy.

Non-board members present included: Jerry Sauter (NDDA), Sara Timmer (NDDA), Dr. Michael Wunsch (NDSU), and Dan Wogsland (NDGGA).

3. Approval of Minutes. Commissioner Goehring moved to approve the minutes from the April 25, 2022 meeting. The motion was seconded by Bernhardt. Motion carried.

4. Minor Use Pesticide Fund Grant Budget Report. Sauter provided a report on the minor use fund budget. There was a carryover balance of \$141,297.17 from the 2019-2021 biennium. The legislature appropriated \$325,000.00 for the 2021-2023 biennium for a total of \$466,297.17. Payments made to date in the 2021-2023 biennium were \$108,796.59. Outstanding expenditures are \$50,619.00 for total obligations of \$159,415.59. Net funds available are \$306,881.58.

5. Pesticide Harmonization Grant Budget Report. Sauter provided a report on the pesticide harmonization grant fund. Legislative appropriation for the 2021-2023 biennium is \$75,000. Operating expenditures to date are \$332.20. Net funds available are \$74,667.80.

6. Consideration of New Minor Use Fund Requests.

- I. Optimizing the deployment of fungicides for improved white mold management in dry beans: Dr. Michael Wunsch, NDSU

This project seeks to develop rigorous recommendations for optimizing fungicide droplet size relative to canopy closure for improved management of white mold in pinto and kidney beans.

Funds Requested: \$34,200

Matching Funds: Requested from Northharvest for additional varieties.

- II. Optimizing the deployment of fungicides for management of Ascochyta blight in chickpeas: Dr. Michael Wunsch, NDSU

This project seeks to improve the management of Ascochyta blight in chickpeas.

Funds Requested: \$35,270

Matching Funds: Requested from NPDA and private companies.

A motion was made by Thomas to approve Dr. Wunsch's proposals. The motion was seconded by Bernhardt. Motion carried.

7. Consideration of New Pesticide Harmonization Grant Requests.

- I. 2022 E-Tour Grant Application: Dan Wogsland, ND Grain Growers Association

The 2022 E-Tour was held in the Fargo area September 12-16, with several EPA officials attending. In addition to meetings, activities included a ND flyover, an Ag 101 presentation by Commissioner Goehring, an aerial applicator demonstration, farm tours, and a tour of the NDSU greenhouse. Appreciation was expressed for the support of this board. Commissioner Goehring expressed interest in inviting Ed Messina to attend a future E-Tour.

Funds Requested: \$50,088.96

A Motion was made by Commissioner Goehring to approve the funding. The motion was seconded by Luick. Motion carried.

8. Discussion of Board Issues

- a. Voting members
- b. Strategies to seek additional proposals

Discussion was held regarding making Eric Lahlum a voting member of the board. Commissioner Goehring expressed that it would be worth the effort and believes that there would not be any push back on this. Commissioner Goehring will work with Senators Luick and Hogan on language for them to review for the request.

Discussion was held regarding strategies to seek additional proposals. Ideas included encouraging researchers, re-emphasizing and speaking with grower groups again regarding available funding and sending requests for proposals to directors of research centers, to individual researchers and to Andrew Thostenson at NDSU to share with extension employees.

9. Meeting adjourned 2:28 p.m.