

**Minutes of the
Idaho Nursery and Florist Advisory Committee Meeting
8:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m. September 18, 2007
By Conference Telephone Call**

In Attendance:

Howard Hughes, Hughes Greenhouses, Post Falls, ID – Committee Chairman
Bill Dial, Custom Pools, Inc., Boise, ID – Committee Member
Kevin Allen, Pro-Care Landscape Services, Meridian, ID – Committee Member
Willy Birkholz, Franz Witte Company – Committee Member
Matt Wolff, Baxter Wholesale Nursery, Emmett, ID – Committee Member
Gary Paulson, Mountain Plants Inc., Committee Member
Dr. James E. Johnson, University of Idaho – University of Idaho Representative - Absent
Michael E. Cooper, Idaho State Department of Agriculture (ISDA) – ISDA Representative
Ann Bates, Idaho Nursery and Landscape Association – Guest
Ruth Herman, Idaho State Department of Agriculture

Chairman Hughes called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

New Business:

Review of 2007 Mid-Term Reports:

- 1) NAC/ISDA 2007 – 1, \$4,482 “Improving Rooting of Pinyon Pine Seedlings by Using Naphthaleneacetic Acid Treatments” - Dr. Robert Tripepi, University of Idaho. A motion was made and seconded to accept this proposal and authorizing an additional \$1,518 for a total of \$6,000 to support the extension of the program to include the addition of field testing, in addition to the gravel bed testing submitted in the proposal, and to cover the cost of additional labor and plant material. The motion passed unanimously. Comments in support of this proposal were made by Bryan Winn, INLA Research Committee Chairman. ***An amended proposal in the amount of \$5,996 was filed by Dr Tripepi on February 21, 2007.*** Interim Report – A motion to accept the report was made Matt Wolff and seconded by Bill Dial; the motion was then was approved by the full committee.
- 2) NAC/ISDA 2007 – 2, \$14,471 “Production of Native Plants in Potting Media Amended with Flushed Cattle Biosolids” - Dr. Robert Tripepi, University of Idaho. A motion was made and seconded to accept this proposal with the stipulation that Dr. Tripepi research the use of biosolids from local sources before acquiring material from southern Idaho. The motion passed unanimously. Interim Report – A motion to accept the report was made by Bill Dial and seconded by Matt Wolf; the motion was then was approved by the full committee.
- 3) NAC/ISDA 2007 – 4, \$8,280 “Breeding Native Western Plants for Use in the Green Industry” - Dr. Brad Geary, Brigham Young University. A motion was made and seconded to accept this proposal, contingent upon the author filing an amended proposal correcting item “I.” to replace “Idaho Nursery and Landscape Association” with “Idaho Nursery and Florists Advisory Committee,” who is funding the proposal. The motion passed unanimously. ***A revised agreement was received on February 28, 2007.*** Interim Report – A motion to accept the report was made by Bill Dial and seconded by Gary Paulson; the motion was then was approved by the full committee.

- 4) NAC/ISDA 2007 – 5, \$11,670 “Evaluation of Native and Adapted Plants for Landscape Use” - Dr. Stephen L. Love, University of Idaho. A motion was made and seconded to accept this proposal. The motion passed unanimously. Ann Bates told the committee the INLA is tracking this type of research and is working with the author. Interim Report – A motion to accept the report was made by Gary Paulson and seconded by Matt Wolff; the motion was then was approved by the full committee.

The disposition of unexpended grant funds was discussed. The University of Idaho had returned some recently. This item was table for future discussion.

Mike Cooper gave a brief overview of the budget situation.

Nursery Research Account Budget Summary

	Receipts	Expenses	Balance
FY2006	\$56,975.00	\$54,671.06	\$129,037.20
FY2007	\$58,491.96	\$54,981.64	\$132,547.52
FY2008	\$ 8,869.58	\$ 2,431.88	\$138,985.22

Mike Cooper presented a legislative proposal to raise the Nursery license fee by \$25.00. This proposal had been approved by the Governor’s office. It was noted that it had been about 10 years since the last fee increase. A notice of the proposal will go out with the license renewal application in December. A motion to approve the proposed \$25 fee increase to the nursery license was made by Gary Paulson and seconded by Willy Birkholz; the motion was then was approved by the full committee. Howard Hughes will send a letter of support on behalf of the committee for the official record.

The committee was also informed that due to a proposed change by USDA instituting administrative fees on Federal Phytosanitary Certificates issued by the states, costs will be going up. When federal changes take affect the Department proposes to rewrite the Nursery rules to bring the charges more in line with what other Department customers pay for phytosanitary certificates.

The committee was informed of a “crack down” by the Utah Department of Agriculture on Nursery Stock coming into Utah; all incoming shipments must have a copy of the originating nursery license and annual inspection. This is not a new requirement.

The Committee Adjourned at 9:30 a.m.



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