Idaho Nursery and Florist Advisory Committee Meeting

Minutes of January 18th, 2024 11:30 am

Meeting Held Via Microsoft Teams Conference

Meeting ID: 234 359 993 551 Passcode: GFFrzK

Public Participation: (208) 985-2810, Passcode 315 441 827#

Host/Facilitators: Walt Coiner Hollyberry- Nursery Committee Chairman

Stakeholders: Mark Palmer- Webb Landscape

Tyler Aguiar- Clayton Tree Farm

Ann Bates-Idaho Nursery and Landscape Association

Sharon Storey- Webb Landscape Inc Juliet Marshall- University of Idaho Joan Mount – Green Things Nursery

Department Staff: Andrea Thompson-Idaho State Department of Agriculture

Tina Eiman Idaho State Department of Agriculture Katia Schrier- Idaho State Department of Agriculture Susie Watson – Idaho State Department of Agriculture

Apologies

Hans Ellis- Blue Ribbon Landscapes - Ann Bates has his vote

Chairman Coiner called the meeting to order. Roll call was taken. December meeting minutes approval is put off for next meeting pending signatures.

A question was raised about adding more members to the committee to make gathering a quorum easier. Statue states that we have six members, and 4 voting members are required to be present for a meeting to be able to vote.

Motion to approve November 2023 Minutes made, seconded, and passed unanimously.

Approval of 2024 Grants

NAC/ISDA 2024 – 1 Promoting Idaho Green Industry

NAC/ISDA 2024 – 2 Rooted in Sustainability: Embracing Native Plants and Xeriscape for a Thriving Landscape Magazine

NAC/ISDA 2024 – 3 *Idaho Horticulture 2025 Expo Speakers*

Motion to entertain questions.

Open discussion on the Plant Identification section of the test in NAC/ISDA 2024-1 *Promoting Idaho Green Industry.*

The College of Western Idaho has maintained the Plant ID section as an online available test for 2 years, as it is the exit exam for the CWI Horticulture Program.

Motion to approve all Grants made, seconded, and passed unanimously.

University Report

Dr. Marshall reports the University of Idaho (U of I) hiring status for the Controlled Environment Agriculture position.

Open discussion on the process for JFAC.

Public Comment

Open discussion on arborists discontinuing their arborist's certification due to cost. International Society of Arboriculture includes continuing education. Comment that Fruit Tree pruning education is lacking and should be brought up to the Society.

Chairman Coiner mentioned potentially scheduling an in-person meeting for the summer meeting. Send out a timeline to all committee members before the request for proposals go out in mid-August.

Chairman Coiner moved to adjourn this meeting and the motion passed.

Walt Coiner, Committee Chairman

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