

**Idaho Nursery and Florist Advisory Committee Meeting**  
**Minutes of December 30<sup>th</sup>, 2025 1:00 pm**  
**Meeting Held Via Microsoft Teams Conference**  
**Meeting ID: 233 788 138 606 82 Passcode: xH9gV6kW**

**Host/Facilitators:** Walt Coiner Hollyberry- Nursery Committee Chairman

**Stakeholders:** Tyler Aguiar- Clayton Tree Farm  
Ann Bates- Idaho Nursery and Landscape Association  
Nicole Edgar- Idaho Nursery and Landscape Association  
Hans Ellis- Blue Ribbon Landscapes  
Joseph Kuhl- University of Idaho  
Mark Palmer- Web Landscape  
Sharon Storey- Webb Landscape Inc  
**Not Present:**  
Joan Mount- Green Things Nursery

**Department Staff:** Andrea Thompson- Idaho State Department of Agriculture  
Tina Eiman- Idaho State Department of Agriculture  
Alice Parham- Idaho State Department of Agriculture

Chairman Coiner called the meeting to order at 1:00 pm MST. Roll call was taken and brief introductions of committee members were given.

**Budget Report and Nursery Renewal Statistics – Budget Report details were not given, but Plants Bureau Chief Tina Eiman stated that the committee was within budget; this was acknowledged by the committee. Nursery Renewal Statistics were given by Alice Parham along with her recent work in the nursery program.**

**ISDA Update – Plant Industries Rulemaking and Invasive Species updates given by Andrea Thompson: refinements to bean planting; invasive species rule addition; regulation of quagga mussels and zebra mussels. Japanese Beetle report, to be given by Tina Eiman, passed over for time.**

**Review and approval of 2024 and 2025 Midterm and Final Reports –**

- ***Pollinator Power!* – motion to entertain questions**
- **Idaho Horticulture Expo – motion to entertain questions**

- **Micropropagation of Wild Thinleaf Huckleberry – motion to entertain questions**
- **Promoting Idaho Green Industry – missing carryover from 2024; Nicole Edgar stated that she would work on the reports and email them over**
- **Walt Coiner motioned to accept all final reports, seconded by Hans Ellis. Motion passed unanimously.**

#### **Review and approval of Grant Requests –**

- **Insect Resilience: Assessing BRIX level of annual plants by building soil health – Motion to entertain comments.**

**Walt Coiner motioned to move forward with this proposal.**

**Mark Palmer entered the meeting and was asked his opinion; no concerns raised.**

**Motion to move forward seconded by Ann Bates. Motion to accept passed unanimously.**

- **Idaho Horticulture Expo Speaker Sponsorship for 2027 –**

**A question was raised by Hans Ellis about what estimated percentage of the dollars from this grant will be geared towards the green industry; Nicole Edgar responded that 85 – 90% of the funds is horticulture based, while the rest is for covering costs and reimbursements.**

**Walt Coiner motioned to move forward with this proposal, seconded by Sharon Storey. Motion to accept passed unanimously.**

- **Power Up with Plants – Motion to entertain comments and questions. Walt Coiner motioned to move forward with this proposal; motion seconded and passed unanimously.**
- **Screening isolates of mycorrhizae for their ability to enhance huckleberry (Vaccinium species) out-planting survival – Motion to entertain questions.**

**Ann Bates raised a question about whether there will be research results after \$15,463 is granted if additional funds (\$120K) are not granted.**

**Tina Eiman attempted to contact Ms. Schroeder.**

Walt Coiner suggested that the committee explore other options.

Ann Bates motioned to table this proposal for now; motion seconded and approved unanimously.

University of Idaho Report – Joseph Kuhl gave a brief introduction and reported on new and open Department of Plant Sciences positions. Open for questions. Ann Bates raised a question about funding for pomology within the Department. Nicole Edgar requested an email with the open positions sent to her so that it can be shared with connections around the State.

Walt Coiner thanked members for their questions and Joseph Kuhl for his time. Open for more questions; no more questions received.

Public Comment – No members of the public present. Tina Eiman stated that Ms. Schroeder is out of the office until January 5<sup>th</sup>. Open for questions.

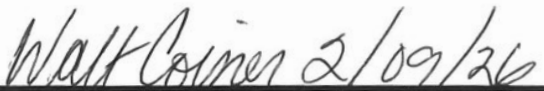
Open discussion among committee members about the committee becoming more proactive and involved in determining what research needs to be done and who to market grant funds to.

Mark Palmer proposed a committee meeting in person; Walt Coiner suggested to make this an action item.

Questions raised by Hans Ellis and Sharon Storey about how grants are marketed to people; Tina Eiman, Andrea Thompson, and Ann Bates explained how notifications are sent out and where to find proposals on the ISDA website.

Ann Bates volunteered to prepare a survey for INLA members to submit their opinions on potential research projects. A meeting at the Idaho Horticulture Festival is proposed.

Motion to adjourn was seconded and accepted unanimously at 2:00 pm MST.



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