

OREGON SWEET CHERRY COMMISSION

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SPECIAL MEETING CONFERENCE CALL MINUTES

Tuesday, January 19, 2016 10:00 A.M.

Call in Number 866-672-9151

The telephone meeting was called to order at 10:02 a.m. with the following Commissioners, constituting a quorum on the line: Dan Crouse, Chairperson, Stacey Cooper (Vice-Chairman), Jeff Heater (Secretary/Treasurer), Ryan Bond, Jim Markman, Les Stephens and Leonard Aubert. Eric Shrum, Research Committee co-Chair, Kris Anderson, Oregon Department of Agriculture (ODA) Commodity Commission Program Manager and Dana Branson, OSCC Administrator.

Dan Crouse asked for a motion to rescind the two motions regarding continuing and new project funding that was passed at the December 17, 2015 regular meeting. Those December 17 motions read:

Stacey Cooper moved and Jim Markman seconded to fund the continuing projects as listed below up to \$255,501 with the assumption Washington funds at the levels OSCC estimated. The motion carried unanimously.

Researcher	Project Title-abbreviated	Requested	Oregon \$
WTFRC	Breeding Program	\$150,000	\$37,500
Sandefur	New cherry DNA tests	43,000	10,500
Iezzoni	MSU sweet cherry rootstocks - CVRC \$7k	31,291	6,073
Gibeaut	Incr fruit size, improve harvest quality	59,585	22,189
Wang	Pre-harvest Na and NaCl sprays	40,505	36,454
Probst	PM viability postharvest handling	57,987	14,497
Beers	Mgmt strategy for little cherry	62,743	10,000
Shearer	Insecticide resistance of SWD	97,623	73,218
Hubbard	Manging acclimation hardiness bacterial canker	43,820	43,820
Walse	Residue remediation to lower MRL barriers	5,000	1,250
Total			\$255,501

Researcher	Project Title-abbreviated	Requested	Oregon \$
Ganjyal	Strategy to reduce postharvest splitting	\$31,407	\$ 7,852
Wang	Ensuring ocean shipping quality	45,452	34,156
Pscheidt	Cherry virus diagnostic survey	8,349	8,349
Beers	Integrated pest mgmt of SWD	85,424	21,356
Probst	Sources of primary cherry powdery mildew	24,872	6,218
Probst	ABC of cherry powdery mildew	81,321	20,330
Tuck	MCAREC Operations Support	23,855	23,855
Choi	RNAi-based strategy SWD control	49,880	12,470
Total			\$134,586

Stacey Cooper moved and Leonard Aubert seconded to approve funding for these \$134,586 for these new projects with one caveat. Dana is to call Jay Pscheidt regarding the cherry virus survey. OSCC wants him to understand that

funding for the second year of the project will depend on what the survey findings are. The motion carried unanimously.

The purpose of this is to correct and clarify the motions. *Jeff Heater moved and Leonard Aubert seconded to rescind the two original research-funding motions of the December 17th meeting. The motion carried unanimously.*

Dana went over the two errors made in calculating amounts for the 'After RosBREED: developing/deploying new cherry DNA tests' (Peace) and 'New programs to increase fruit size & improve harvest quality' (Einhorn). The amount approved for the Peace project was under the 25% level by \$250 and the Einhorn project was under by \$22,500. When those corrections are the total amount of continuing project funding totals \$278,251. *Stacey Cooper moved and Jeff Heater seconded to approve the correction to each project and the new total funding for continuing projects. The motion carried unanimously. See the revised table below.*

Funding was approved at 25% of the total requested level for Dr. Choi's 'RNAi-based strategy for SWD control'. The caveat that this funding would be provided if Washington and/or California contributed the remaining 75% needed was not recorded in the minutes of the meeting. Dana believed this was the intent of the Commission, but wanted to be certain. Ryan Bond asked the question if the Commission should reconsider funding the Choi project because with the correction of the continuing research amount we are going over or getting very close to the amount originally set as the ceiling for research this season.

Before the call for a motion on that topic Dana shared the information she received from Jay Pscheidt regarding the Cherry Virus Diagnostic Survey that the Commissioners had asked her to get. This is a two-year project and the costs for the first year are reasonably low (\$8,349) and the second year they increase to \$34,626. The Commissioners wanted to know from Dr. Pscheidt if it was possible to just fund the survey and then decide what further research was indicated from the results. The project is part of an undergraduate program so it's important to consider it as a whole – not just one piece. Jeff Heater responded that he believes the Choi project is important and should be funded if there are partners. Les Stephens remarked that SWD control is priority number one on the list prepared by growers.

Jeff Heater moved and Stacey Cooper seconded to approve 25% (\$12,470) for Choi's SWD project with the understanding that the remaining 75% must be funded by another organization(s). The motion carried unanimously.

Jeff explained that Oregon growers do not know how extensive or varied the virus problem is and the survey would help them get that information. He thinks it's worth betting on a good crop to approve the funding. *Jeff Heater*

moved and Stacey Cooper seconded to approve the funding for the Cherry Virus survey project. The motion carried unanimously.

Dana went over the totals again for all projects and it is as follows:

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Total Research Funding is \$412,837.

The call concluded at 10:20 a.m.