



Washington State  
COMMISSION ON  
PESTICIDE REGISTRATION

**Matthew Blua, Chair – Presiding**

**April 5, 2023**

*Special meeting; Quorum present*

*Via Zoom*

*Meeting minutes- draft*

The meeting was called to order at 2:19 pm.

**Introductions**

Commission members present: Matthew Blua, Jason Beechinor, Gary Melchior, Bryn Hubert, Maggie Elliot, Leighton Overson, Griselda Arias, Catherine Jones

Commissioners absent: Doug Walsh, Sally Buckingham, Greg Caron, Anneke Jansen, Erik Hodson, David Gang, Kelly McLain and Aylin Moreno

Staff: Alan Schreiber, Alicia Adler, and Liesl Zappler

Other: David Gang

Matthew gave an introduction on the meeting items.

**Funding decision on research project(s)**

There would still be some money left for OP projects if this is funded. The remainder might go to WSU. Alan Schreiber presented his research proposal: *Identifying Alternatives to Diazinon for Control of Cabbage Maggot in Vegetable Seed Crops*. The Western WA Small Seed Association is the applicant user group. The Commissioners sent their score sheets to Alicia who will gather the scores and share them.

**DES Update**

Alicia reviewed her experience with DES. WSCPR has been working with DES on procedures and contracts. Now DES is contending that the proposals need to go out to bid on WEBS, because some funds go to private companies, and WSCPR would have to ballpark that sum. WSU will be getting involved. There is a question as to whether WSU money is subject to approval by DES. Other Commodity groups do not post on WEBS. This would cause the Commission to lose the OP funding. The AG answers to the Chair, and they are in the process of getting clarity. It is the opinion of the AG that WSCPR funds held by WSU are not restricted by DES. The AG is meeting with WSU soon and should have an answer by next week.

**Tour update and vote to support the tour**

Alan requested \$26,000 for the Ag tour expenses. Part of this money would come from registration and sponsorships.

*Catherine made a motion to support funding up to \$26,000 for the Ag Tour in in July. Gary seconded. The motion passed unanimously.*

### **Legislation on WSCPR**

The bill has passed out of both the House and the Senate. The session is over at the end of the month, and this would be signed at that time to change the name to the Commission on Integrated Pest Management. There will be an EPA appointed position.

### **Meeting Dates**

The Commissioners changed the September meeting from the 6<sup>th</sup> to the 8<sup>th</sup>.  
The December meeting was changed from the 13<sup>th</sup>- 14<sup>th</sup> to the 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>.

### **Research Proposal- *Identifying Alternatives to Diazinon for Control of Cabbage Maggot in Vegetable Seed Crops.***

The Commissioners submitted their scores to Alicia. The average score was 84.9 for the proposal.

*Gary made a motion to approve the research project for funding of \$27,965. Maggie seconded. The motion passed unanimously.*

There was no other business.

The meeting adjourned at 3:01 pm.