



Matt Blua, Chair – Presiding
December 14, 2023
Cattlemen’s Association, 1301 N Dolarway Rd, Ellensburg

The meeting was called to order at 10:30 am.

Introductions

Commission members present: Matthew Blua, Bryn Hubert, Maggie Elliot, Leighton Overson, Griselda Arias, David Gang, Catherine Jones, Doug Walsh, Jason Beechinor, Gary Melchior, Griselda Arias, Greg Caron, Kelly McLain, Neil Withers, Bill Orchard and Marie Hallinen.

Commissioners absent: Sally Buckingham, Anneke Jansen, Aylin Moreno, Erik Hodson

Staff: Alan Schreiber, Alicia Adler, and Liesl Zappler

Guests: Dave Caton, Ken Larson and Scott Brixey

Approval of Minutes- September 8, 2023

Bill moved to approve the minutes for September 8, 2023, meeting. Neil seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Financial Report/Administrator’s Report

Alan reviewed the finances. The Board needs to set the 2024 budget. The proposed budget is similar to last year. The fiscal year is July 1 to June 30.

Bill made a motion to approve the financial report. Leighton seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Alan reviewed the budget expenses, and attorney general fees.

Alan would like to ask the Chair for a vote to authorize DES to lift the delegation of authority.

Bill made a motion to approve the budget. Jason seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Process Overview

The research proposal list was shared. One proposal pulled out, a 2022 project didn’t move forward, and one proposal changed their request. The WCIPM has \$432,913 available for funding, and the requested amount is \$588,718. Alicia reviewed the proposal process and scoring. There were 10 more proposals submitted than last year. There were minimal administrative issues and the proposal review process went smoothly, and there are 35 proposals to review.

Research proposal presentations started at 11:00 am.

The meeting adjourned at 5:10 pm.

December 15, 2023

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 am.

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Election of Officers

The Chair made a call for nominations.

Bryn made a motion to nominate Maggie as Treasurer. Neil seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Neil made a motion to nominate Bryn as Chair. Maggie seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Bryn made a motion to nominate Leighton as Vice Chair. Bill seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Tour Overview

The Board reviewed potential dates for the tour which might start July 22nd or 29th and will be on the west side.

DES Update and Action

Alan gave an update on DES and the delegation of authority, which is currently suspended. Most of the Commission funds are exempt from DES oversight such as for research funding. Tour, meeting, and office expenses are still subject to DES review.

Leighton made a motion to authorize the Chair to enter into negotiations with DES to lift the suspension of the delegation of authority. Maggie seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

David Gang had written a memo, to which the AG wrote a response, that funding research projects was found to be exempt from DES oversight.

Alan explained the necessity of moving this process along.

The research proposal review resumed 8:30 am – 11:00 am.

2024 Meeting Dates

March 12- Everett

May 7- Moses Lake

September 5 - Yakima

December 12 & 13- Ellensburg

Proposal Ranking and Funding Process

Alicia will send letters to the unfunded project proposals. There was a question on moving up the Grape Mealybug Management by Mating Disruption proposal for funding. There is \$5,000 currently available, and other funding is a few months out.

Leighton made a motion to approve the proposal ranking as presented on the WCIPM Proposal Ranking Sheet through proposal 24PN022 and fund project 24AN005 contingent upon funding being available by the end of March 2024. Gary seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

The list of funded and not funded projects is attached at the bottom of the minutes below.

Other Business

State agencies undergo routine audits and the WCIPM will have an audit in 2024. Most audits are every 3 years, and this commission hasn't ever had an audit. WSU is going to have an accountability audit. David Gang will be meeting with the auditor's office in January, the audit will go from Jan. – June, and it will go back 5 years.

Bryn made a motion to adjourn. Neil seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 12:17 pm.

WCIPM #	Title	Crop	Pest/Target	User Group	Researcher	Requested Amount	Matching Fund	Total Project Cost	Score	Funded Amount	Accumulative Funding Total			
24PN026	Survey for Herbicide Resistance in Italian Ryegrass and Mayweed Chamomile	Wheat	Mayweed Chamomile, Italian Ryegrass	Washington Grain Commission	Mary Palmer Sullivan	Ian Burke	WSU	\$18,500.00	\$18,500.00	\$37,000.00	91.00	\$18,500.00	\$18,500.00	
24PN020	Collecting Baseline Information for Developing Insect Phenology Models for Potatoes	Potato	Colorado Potato Beetle, Psyllid, Lygus Bug, Aphid, Leafhopper, Flea Beetle, Spider Mite, Tubermoth, Wireworm	Washington State Potato Commission	Mathew Blua	Tim Waters	WSU	\$19,900.00	\$44,000.00	\$63,900.00	90.75	\$19,900.00	\$38,400.00	
24AN024	Impacts of Irrigation Frequency and N Mgmt on Onion Bacterial Bulb Rots	Onions	Multiple Bacterial Bulb Rot Pathogens	Columbia Basin Onion Research Committee	Sheri Nolan	Gabriel LaHue	Northwestern Washington Research and Mount Vernon NVREC	\$14,833.00	\$14,669.00	\$29,502.00	90.25	\$14,833.00	\$53,233.00	
24PN021	Evaluating Two New Insecticides Suitable for the Washington Cranberry Export Market to Reduce Cranberry Tipworm Populations	Cranberry	Cranberry Tipworm	Washington State Cranberry Commission	Jack Stein	Laura Kraft	WSU	\$19,619.00	\$19,738.00	\$39,357.00	90.22	\$19,619.00	\$72,852.00	
24PN034	Broadleaf Weed Control in Winter Pea with Lorox	Pea, Winter	Lambsquarters, Prickly Lettuce, Other Weeds	USA Dry Pea and Lentil Council	Todd Scholz	Joan Campbell	University of Idaho	\$4,479.00	\$4,479.00	\$8,958.00	89.33	\$4,479.00	\$77,331.00	
24PN001	Alternative Approaches to Lygus Bug Control on Alfalfa Produced for Seed	Alfalfa grown for seed	Lygus bugs and others	WA Alfalfa Seed Commission	Shane Johnson	Doug Walsh	WSU-IAREC	\$16,485.00	\$17,000.00	\$33,485.00	89.13	\$16,485.00	\$93,816.00	
24PN033	Biology and Mgmt of Delia Root Maggots in Spinach for Seed	Spinach Seed	Root Maggots (Delia)	Puget Sound Seed Growers Assn	Darrin Morrison	Louis Nottingham	WSU-NWREC	\$14,388.00	\$14,388.00	\$28,776.00	88.75	\$14,388.00	\$108,204.00	
24PN018	Identifying Alternatives to Diazinon for Control of Cabbage Maggot in Vegetable Seed Crops	Cabbage, Cauliflower, Brussels Sprouts	Cabbage Maggot	Western Washington Small Seed Assn	Bryn Phillips	Alan Schreiber	Agriculture Development Group, Inc.	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00	\$40,000.00	88.25	\$20,000.00	\$128,204.00	
24PN003	Developing Nematicides for Columbia Basin Onions	Onion	Nematodes	Columbia Basin Onion Research Committee / Pacific Northwest Vegetable Association	Sheri Nolan	Alan Schreiber	Agriculture Development Group, Inc.	\$16,000.00	\$14,000.00	\$30,000.00	88.00	\$16,000.00	\$144,204.00	
24PN002	Anticipating the Loss of MRLs for Key Pesticides in Important Export Markets	Hops	N/A	Washington Hop Commission	Maggie Elliot	Doug Walsh	WSU-IAREC	\$24,204.00	\$25,287.00	\$49,491.00	87.63	\$24,204.00	\$168,408.00	
24PN028	Bacterial Canker on Blueberry	Blueberry	Bacterial Canker	Washington Blueberry Commission	Leighton Overson	Alan Schreiber	Agriculture Development Group, Inc.	\$16,000.00	\$20,550.00	\$36,550.00	87.25	\$16,000.00	\$184,408.00	
24AN019	Evaluating Stability of IPM in Pear to Reduce Ineffective Insecticide Reliance	Pear	Pear Psylla (Cacopsylla pyricola)	WA Tree Fruit Research Commission	Tory Schmidt	Robert Orpet	WSU-TFREC	\$22,314.00	\$49,534.00	\$71,848.00	87.22	\$22,314.00	\$206,722.00	
24PN035	Evaluation of Season-Long Herbicide Programs for WA Onion Production	Onion	Weeds	Pacific Northwest Vegetable Association	Sheri Nolan	Rui Liu	WSU	\$19,221.00	\$19,251.00	\$38,472.00	87.13	\$19,221.00	\$225,943.00	
24PN027	Efficacy Testing of Novel Viral Pesticide CrpNPV Against Codling Moth and Other Agricultural Pest Insects	Apple	Codling Moth, Cydia Pomonella	WA Tree Fruit Research Commission	Tory Schmidt	William Walker	USDA-ARS (Wapato, WA)	\$20,000.00	\$47,371.75	\$67,371.75	86.78	\$20,000.00	\$245,943.00	
24AN006	The Risk and Consequence of Downy Mildew in Hop Planting Material	Hops	Downy Mildew	Washington Hop Commission	Maggie Elliot	David H. Gent	USDA	\$12,296.67	\$12,296.67	\$24,593.34	86.75	\$12,296.67	\$258,239.67	
24AN004	Integrating UV-C Light and Canopy Management for Grape Powdery Mildew Control	Wine Grapes	Erysiphe Nector (Powdery Mildew)	Washington State Wine Commission	Melissa Hansen	Michelle M. Moyer	WSU	\$9,528.00	\$41,054.00	\$50,582.00	86.50	\$9,528.00	\$267,767.67	
24PN029	Cane Blight on Raspberry Revisited	Raspberry	Cane Blight	Washington Red Raspberry Commission	Henry Bierlink	Alan Schreiber	Agriculture Development Group, Inc.	\$18,000.00	\$21,000.00	\$39,000.00	86.50	\$18,000.00	\$285,767.67	
24PN031	Resistance Detection Program for SWD in Berries	Blueberry	Spotted Wing Drosophila	Washington Blueberry Commission	Leighton Overson	Alan Schreiber	Agriculture Development Group, Inc.	\$19,787.00	\$19,787.00	\$39,574.00	86.50	\$19,787.00	\$305,554.67	
24AN011	On-farm Evaluation of Pear Psylla and Natural Enemy Thresholds	Pears	Psylla	WA Tree Fruit Research Commission	Tory Schmidt	Tianna DuPont	WSU	\$18,925.00	\$97,123.00	\$116,048.00	86.44	\$18,925.00	\$324,479.67	
24PN015	Mycoplasma Replacement for Garden Symphytan on Blueberry	Blueberry	Garden Symphytan	Washington Blueberry Commission	Leighton Overson	Alan Schreiber	Agriculture Development Group, Inc.	\$9,000.00	\$12,000.00	\$21,000.00	85.50	\$9,000.00	\$333,479.67	
24PN016	Two-Spotted Spider Mite and Thrips in Raspberry	Raspberry	Two-Spotted Spider Mite, Thrips	Washington Red Raspberry Commission	Henry Bierlink	Alan Schreiber	Agriculture Development Group, Inc.	\$28,000.00	\$23,000.00	\$51,000.00	85.13	\$28,000.00	\$361,479.67	
24AN032	Improving Blueberry IPM Through Extension and Novel Tools	Blueberry	Spotted Wing Drosophila, Aphids, Lepidoptera	Washington Blueberry Commission	Alan Schreiber	Louis Nottingham	WSU-NWREC	\$13,527.00	\$13,527.00	\$27,054.00	84.75	\$13,527.00	\$375,006.67	
24PN017	Management of Snails in Raspberry	Raspberry	Snails	Washington Red Raspberry Commission	Henry Bierlink	Alan Schreiber	Agriculture Development Group, Inc.	\$14,500.00	\$20,833.00	\$35,333.00	84.75	\$14,500.00	\$389,506.67	
24PN008	Nematode Management in Columbia Basin Potatoes	Potatoes	Columbia Root Knot Nematode, Root Lesion Nematodes, Northern Root Knot Nematodes	WA State Potato Commission	Mathew Blua	Alan Schreiber	Agriculture Development Group, Inc.	\$22,460.00	\$23,300.00	\$45,760.00	84.38	\$22,460.00	\$411,966.67	
24PN022	Control of Aphids on Blueberries During Pollination	Blueberry	Aphids, Viruses	Washington Blueberry Commission	Leighton Overson	Alan Schreiber	Agriculture Development Group, Inc.	\$16,000.00	\$16,850.00	\$32,850.00	84.25	\$16,000.00	\$427,966.67	
24PN025	Forest Vegetation Mgmt Strategies for Reforestation in WA State	Douglas-fir	Weeds	Oregon State University	Emily Von Blon	Carlos Gonzalez-Benecke	Oregon State University	\$23,961.00	\$6,230.00	\$30,191.00	83.50	\$23,961.00	\$451,927.67	
24AN005	Grape Mealybug Management by Mating Disruption	Wine Grapes	Grape Mealybug	Washington State Wine Commission	Melissa Hansen	Doug Walsh	WSU-IAREC	\$24,984.00	\$40,792.00	\$65,776.00	83.38	\$24,984.00	\$476,911.67	
24AN012	Phenology Model for Pear Psylla Predator Deraeocoris Brevis	Pears	Psylla	WA Tree Fruit Research Commission	Tory Schmidt	Jose Ricardo	Lime Pinto	WSU	\$14,093.00	\$95,925.00	\$110,018.00	83.33	\$14,093.00	\$491,004.67
24PN007	Slink Bug: A New Insect Pest on Potatoes	Potatoes	Slink Bug	WA State Potato Commission	Mathew Blua	Alan Schreiber	Agriculture Development Group, Inc.	\$12,000.00	\$13,000.00	\$25,000.00	83.00	\$12,000.00	\$503,004.67	
24PN014	Systemic Acquired Resistance and Prohexadione Calcium for Shoot Blight Mitigation: Tools for Season Long Integrated Fire Blight Management	Pears and Apples	Erwinia amylovora	WA Tree Fruit Research Commission	Tory Schmidt	Aina Baro Sabe	WSU	\$16,808.00	\$32,330.00	\$49,138.00	82.56	\$16,808.00	\$519,812.67	
24PN010	Mint Root Borer Control with Diamide Insecticides	Peppermint & Spearmint	Mint Root Borer	Washington Mint Commission	Shane Johnson	Doug Walsh	WSU-IAREC	\$15,098.00	\$24,834.00	\$39,932.00	82.44	\$15,098.00	\$534,910.67	
24PN013	New Organic Products and Timings: Tools for Season Long Integrated Fire Blight Management	Pears and Apples	Fire Blight	WA Tree Fruit Research Commission	Tory Schmidt	Tianna DuPont	WSU	\$23,750.00	\$30,568.00	\$54,318.00	82.33	\$23,750.00	\$558,660.67	
24AN030	Thrips Identification and Biology in Red Raspberries	Raspberry	Thrips	Washington Red Raspberry Commission	Henry Bierlink	Louis Nottingham	WSU-NWREC	\$13,527.00	\$13,527.00	\$27,054.00	81.38	\$13,527.00	\$572,187.67	
24PN036	Weed Mgmt in Commercial Seed Production	Spinach Seed	Relevant Weeds	Puget Sound Seed Growers Assn	Darrin Morrison	Coslor Charles	WSU-NWREC	\$7,531.00	\$7,531.00	\$15,062.00	76.13	\$7,531.00	\$579,718.67	
24AN009	Managing Asparagus Replant Disease with New Varieties	Asparagus	Fusarium Oryzporum	Washington Asparagus Commission	Jim Middleton	Alan Schreiber	Agriculture Development Group, Inc.	\$9,000.00	\$9,000.00	\$18,000.00	73.13	\$9,000.00	\$588,718.67	
TOTAL:								\$588,718.67	\$903,275.42	\$1,491,994.09		\$427,966.67		