

**Minutes**  
**Public Meeting of the Nevada Alfalfa Seed Advisory Board**  
**January 16, 2014**

University of Nevada Cooperative Extension  
810 Sixth Street  
Lovelock, NV 89419

**1. Call to Order**

Meeting called to order 2:15 p.m.

**2. Roll Call**

Council Members Present: Walter Brinkerhoff (chairman), Mike Phillips, Jim List, Mike Gibson, Jose Arias, Dan Hetrick

Members of the Public and Staff: John Hafen, Gail Munk, Steve Marty

**3. Introductions**

**4. Approval of Agenda**

A motion to approve the agenda as offered was made by Mike Phillips, seconded by Jim List, and approved by a vote of 6-0.

**5. Approval of Minutes From Previous Meeting**

A motion to approve the minutes from the January 10, 2013 meeting of the Nevada Alfalfa Seed Advisory Board as offered was made by Mike Phillips, seconded by Jim List, and was passed by a vote of 6-0.

**6. Public Participation**

None

**7. New Business**

A) Nevada Department of Agriculture update concerning the balance of the Nevada Alfalfa Seed Research and Promotion Account **(Informational)**

Steve Marty stated that the current balance of the Alfalfa Research and Promotion Account is \$60,878.57, and that the 2013 National Alfalfa and Forage Alliance dues and a Board-approved donation of \$18,870.35 had been paid from the account since the last Board meeting.

B) Discussion and action regarding the approval of funds from the Alfalfa Seed Research and Promotion Account to be used to cover travel expenses for a Board member to attend the 2014 National Alfalfa and Forage Alliance (NAFA) Washington D.C. Fly-in event **(Action)**

A motion to approve the use of funds from the Alfalfa Seed Research and Promotion Account to cover NAFA Fly-in event travel expenses for two Nevada alfalfa seed producers, not to exceed \$5,000, was made by Jim List, seconded by Mike Gibson, and passed by a vote of 6-0.

C) Discussion and action concerning payment of the 2014 NAFA membership dues **(Action)**

Walter Brinkerhoff asked the group if the Board should pay the minimum dues for 2014, or include an additional donation, as had been done in 2013. Dan Hetrick stated that he preferred that the Board pay the minimum dues and allocate funds toward a specific research project. A motion to pay the 2014 NAFA dues, when assessed, from the Alfalfa Seed Research and Promotion Account was made by Mike Phillips, seconded by Walter Brinkerhoff, and passed by a vote of 6-0.

D) Discussion and action regarding current research needs of Nevada's alfalfa seed production industry **(Action)**

During the Nevada Seed Council meeting that preceded this meeting of the Nevada Alfalfa Seed Advisory Board, Walter Brinkerhoff stated that an EPA 24(c) registration may have been acquired for the Dow AgroSciences Transform WG insecticide product to be used on alfalfa seed crops in Washington. This topic was revisited during this portion of the meeting, and a motion to pursue EPA 24(c) registration for Transform WG in Nevada was made by Walter Brinkerhoff, seconded by Mike Phillips, and approved by a vote of 6-0. A letter of support is to be drafted by the Alfalfa Seed Advisory Board, and a letter of support is to be sourced from Dow AgroSciences.

#### **8. Schedule Next Meeting**

The next meeting of the Nevada Alfalfa Seed Advisory Board was scheduled for November 13, 2014 at 1:30 p.m. The meeting is to be held at the Lovelock Cooperative Extension office and video-conference is to be available at the Winnemucca and Reno extension offices.

#### **9. Adjourn**

A motion to adjourn was made and the meeting adjourned at 2:35 p.m.

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