

MICHIGAN BLUEBERRY COMMISSION

True Blue Farms, LLC
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MEETING MINUTES July 19, 2017

PRESENT:

Jennifer Spears, True Blue Farms, LLC
Shelly Hartmann, Secretary, Michigan Blueberry Commission
James Sumner, Michigan Blueberry Commission
Jacob Clemons, Chair, Michigan Blueberry Commission
Mark Longstroth, Michigan State University
Steven Hunt, Vice-Chair, Michigan Blueberry Commission
Lorrie Merker, MBG Marketing
Heather Throne, MDARD, Participated via cellphone

Call to Order

Chairman Jacob Clemons called the meeting to order at 7:00pm to discuss the AFRI grant option with a submission deadline of July 25, 2017.

Discussion around table about grant priorities and MBC's financial contribution.

MOTION: Steve Hunt moved to select Gall Wasp as the research focus for the grant and pledge \$50,000.00 (fifty-thousand dollars) towards funding, Jim Sumners seconded, motion was carried by unanimous verbal vote.

Discussion regarding grant submission. Mark Longstroth volunteered to draft and send to Chairman for editing the verbiage for the grant application.

Public Comments:

Mark Longstroth stated that SWD is bad this year; He received a call from USDA researchers looking for fruit containing blueberry fly maggot for research purposes. Due to the SWD pressure, the spray schedules for SWD are making it difficult to locate.

MOTION: Shelly moved to adjourn meeting, Jim seconded, Motion carried by unanimous verbal vote.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:23pm.

Respectfully submitted by Secretary Shelly Hartmann