



COLORADO DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE  
Colorado Wine Industry Development Board

Monday, September 19, 2016  
Colorado Wine Industry Development Board Meeting  
Conference Call

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**Staff Attending:** Doug Caskey, Kyle Schlachter, Dr. Horst Caspari

**Members Attending:** Bret Neal, Neil Jaquet, Tom Bueb, Taylor Courey, Doug Kingman

*Opening*

1. Neil Jaquet, interim Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:11 am.
2. Doug Caskey stated that he requested the conference call to discuss the Northern Grapes Project.
  - a. The Northern Grapes Project, a five-year coordinated agriculture program that involved 12 institutions, 34 researchers and 23 industry associations, ended funding Aug. 31.
  - b. The participants would like to continue the research and plan on applying for Specialty Crop Research Initiative funding through the USDA.
  - c. Colorado State University is planning to be a part of the research project.
  - d. Doug Caskey was contacted by Paolo Sabbatini, researcher at Michigan State University, about having the CWIDB serve on the advisory committee and provide interim funding.
  - e. Horst Caspari mentioned that the preproposal is due December 1 and then if the project is deemed suitable, a full proposal is due to the USDA at a later date.
3. Jeff Knight moved to have the Board participate in the second phase of the Northern Grapes Project.
  - a. Tom Bueb seconded.
  - b. Doug Kingman asked why CO should participate in the project.
    - i. Doug Caskey suggested that this project will provide research improving the quality of grapes and wine cold-tolerant cultivars and the marketing of those wines.



- ii. Neil Jaquet mentioned this project aligns with the Board's strategic plan objective of planting the right grapes in the right places.
    - iii. Horst stated that this project originated from the NE 10-20 project so CO already has many of the grape cultivars planted.
    - iv. Doug Caskey reiterated that being on the advisory committee will allow the CWIDB to steer the project to its benefit.
  - c. The motion passed unanimously.
  - d. The CWIDB will participate in the Northern Grapes Project.
- 4. Bret Neal moved to have the Board provide \$2000 of funding to support the Northern Grapes Project in the interim until they receive future funding.
  - a. Doug Kingman seconded.
  - b. Neil Jaquet asked where these funds would come from in the budget.
    - i. Doug Caskey mentioned a new financial issue when CO Department of Agriculture recently and unexpectedly required ~\$15,000 for additional indirect costs.
    - ii. Doug Caskey also noted that some unspent marketing funds, already encumbered for Cultivator, were spent for CSU market research at Winefest the past weekend.
    - iii. Doug concluded that the funds to fund the Northern Grapes Project should be available in the budget.
  - c. The motion passed unanimously.
  - d. The CWIDB will provide the Northern Grapes Project \$2000 in interim funding.
- 5. Jeff Knight moved to adjourn the meeting.
  - a. Bret Neal seconded.
  - b. The motion passed unanimously.
  - c. The CWIDB conference call ended at 9:55 am.



Secretary - Bret Neal

