

Michigan Onion Committee
Annual Meeting Minutes
November 12, 2024, (12:00pm-lunch/research, 2:00pm-business)
Chippewa Room, 7373 W Saginaw Hwy, Lansing, MI 48917 (bring ID for security)

Appointed Board:

Mark Nail, Bruce Klamer, Michael Bosch, James Young, Mitch Schreur

Guests and others: Jeff Haarer, Greg Bird, Ben Werling

Lunch - 12:00pm

Research Projects - Discussion with Michigan Vegetable Council, Michigan Onion Committee, and MSU Research Team - 12:00pm to 2:00pm

Business Meeting after 2pm

1. Call to Order – Chairman Mark Nail

At 2:14pm

2. Approval of Meeting Agenda - Mark Nail

Motion: Bruce Klamer

Supported by: James Young

Motion approved

3. Minutes: June 6, 2024 (Doc provided post June meeting) - Mark Nail

Motion: Bruce Klamer

Supported by: Mitch Schreur

Motion approved

4. Financial Reports – Greg Bird (see profit and loss \ balance sheet)

- a. 2024 Assessments, missing assessments. Outlook for 2025?

Motion: Bruce Klamer

Supported by: Mitch Schreur

Motion approved

Greg reviewed the financials. Greg made note that MOC is waiting on SCBG reimbursement from MDARD before it is able to pay an MSU invoice for SCBG.

The board said outstanding 2023 onion assessments need to be collected with notification no later than 11/30/2024, a certified letter no later than 12/31/2024, and then turned over to MDARD no later than 01/31/2025.

The board said outstanding 2024 onion assessments need to be collected with a text notification no later than 6/15/2025, a letter no later than 07/01/2025, a certified letter no later than 08/01/2025, and then turned over to MDARD no later than 09/01/2025.

5. 2024 Onion Season Review - Mark Nail

Mark Nail said he has average year with slight above average, with average quality. East side used an internal sorter. Eding qualities are good and yields are up in 2024. NY and WI are the same. About 60% of 2024 crop in MI remains to be shipped. Right now \$13\50lbs red, \$10\50lbs yellow, \$7\50lbs pre-pack.

6. MDARD Report – Jeff Haarer

MDARD had 100 apps for underserved grants, which is closed. SCBG RFP going out 12/10. MI had 30 dairy with HPAI. Poultry restrictions are lifted. Rural Dev Grants on 12/5 and resilient food systems grants are going out.

7. MSU Extension Report – Ben Werling

GREEN by Jan 1. Lorsban is complicated and should be considered no usage for onions. ESA is holding up release of new Syngenta product. MSU will have a new weed scientist by Aug 1. MSU is working on Bulletins Live 2 for ESA hitlist.

8. Onion Seed Variety Trials 2024 – James Young

Just like 2023, James has the list of the onions in the 2024 trials. James will take onions to Expo. James will prepare the one page spreadsheet on the trials.

9. Discuss Research Priorities - Mark Nail

White campion seems to be everywhere, but really only in Hudsonville onion fields. Optiogen can be used, but pre-emergent only.

10. Executive Director Report - Greg Bird

- a. Conflict of Interest Document, members sign
- b. 2025 Appointed members (Mark, James, and Mitch will be up)
- c. Expo
 - i. Onion Booth
 1. Giveaways
 2. Video on Display Monitor
 3. Who can be there when?

Greg reviewed the items above. The conflict or interest documents were signed and turned in to Greg. Possible nominations for onion committee members are asking Nate Brink, Nate Vandenburg, and Jeff Hawkins. Bruce can now use a badge for Expo.

11. Other Business - Mark Nail

n/a

12. Adjourn - Mark Nail

Motion: Mitch Schreur

Supported by: Bruce Klamer

Motion approved

3:51pm