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BOARD OF PESTICIDES CONTROL

Emergency Meeting

January 20, 2023

11:00 a.m. Board Meeting

MEETING

1. Introductions of Board and Staff

- The Board, Staff, and Assistant Attorney General Mark Randlett introduced themselves
- Board: Adams, Bohlen, Carlton, Ianni, Jemison, Lajoie

2. Consideration of Possible Board Member Participation at the Hearing and Work Session for LD 8—An Act to Increase Support for the Modernization of the Board of Pesticides Control by Increasing the Annual Pesticide Registration Fee

During the January 11, 2023 meeting of the Board, member participation at the public hearing for LD 8 was discussed. Given the importance of LD 8 for the long-term viability of the Board of Pesticides Control, some members of the Board would like to reconsider possible hearing and work session attendance.

Presentations By: Megan Patterson, Director

Action Needed: Discuss and determine if Board members wish to attend and provide testimony

- Patterson explained the budgetary constraints and the details of the Department bill. There were overhead, salary and software costs that had significantly increased. The MePERLS software had historically been subsidized by Maine IT and now BPC was responsible to pay the full amount. She said they were not sure if the legislature would entertain an additional increase, but what was asked for would only allow the BPC to temporarily operate as they had been. As the bill was written currently it would not allow the BPC to hire additional staff, but it would allow the program to support current staff and services.

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- Patterson stated that the last registration fee increase was in 2013 for ten dollars to offset money earmarked for the University of Maine Cooperative Extension. She added that the last ask for an increase before that occurred in 2003.
- Jemison suggested increasing the amount asked for to get the budget where it needed to be.
- Patterson suggested that for the long term it would make sense to convene a committee to look at all fees and expenses. It would be good to come up with a budgetary plan for the next 10 years. Patterson stated it might be meaningful to hear from plant health and extension staff that also would benefit from this.
- There was further discussion about ways to increase revenue.
- Adams said he could be at the hearing for L.D. 8. Ianni said she could attend both the hearing and work session.
 - **Carlton/Jemison: Moved and seconded to authorize attendance and testimony at L.D. 8 hearing and work session**
 - **In Favor: Unanimous**

 - **Jemison/Carlton: Moved and seconded to adjourn at 12:00 PM**
 - **In Favor: Unanimous**