

MINUTES OF MEETING - BOARD OF PESTICIDES CONTROL - SEPT. 8, 1995

The Board of Pesticides Control met on September 8, 1995 in Room 109, State Office Building, Augusta. Chairman Saviello called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. Other members present included Berry, Storch and Eckert. Lewis and Smith were unable to attend. Staff present included Batteese, Smith, Paul, Hicks and Gregory. A list of others in attendance is appended to these minutes.

1. Minutes of the July 14, 1995 Board Meeting

Saviello asked if there were any errors or omissions in the July minutes as submitted.

Eckert noted her name should be removed from the paragraph listing Board members present.

Eckert/Berry: Motion made and seconded to approve the minutes as corrected.

In Favor: Unanimous

2. Review of Director's Staff Activity Report

Staff responded to questions and comments.

3. RWC's Request for Variance for Railroad Brush Control Program

Batteese reminded the members they approved a variance to this company for grass control on the ballast area for several railroads. He told them due to dry conditions the Maine Forest Service has become more strict about keeping areas around tracks clear. Subsequently, RWC is requesting a variance to spray a wider pattern to control brush on the Bangor and Aroostook, Canadian American and Belfast and Moosehead Railroad lines. RWC will following the same precautions for this variance, if approved, as they have followed for all previous programs.

Eckert/Storch: Motion made and seconded to approve RWC's request with the conditions outlined in the application.

In Favor: Unanimous

4. Delegation of Approval for Repeat Variances to Staff

Batteese pointed out the railroad requests had been pending for a long period of time and there would be an advantage to applicants if staff were authorized to make the decisions for repeat requests. He noted there have been few problems or complaints over the years and recommended the staff be authorized to approve repeat variances provided there no problems

with the previous year's application. He agreed any requests the staff approved would be included on the following agenda as an informational item.

Berry/Storch: Motion made and seconded authorizing the staff to approve repeat variance requests.

In Favor: Unanimous

5. Pro-Serve's Request for 24c Registration for Pronone MG to Control Weeds in Blueberries

W. Smith told the Board this request was relatively simple. Last year the Board approved a 24c label for use of Pro-Serve's Pronone 10G on blueberries to control weeds. He noted Pronone MG is the same formulation except the granular carrier size is smaller and Pro-Serve would like to have both products available to growers.

Eckert/Storch: Motion made and seconded to approve Pro-Serve's request for a 24c registration for Pronone MG.

In Favor: Unanimous

6. Rohm & Haas' Request for 24c Registration of Kelthane 50 to Control Mites on Christmas Trees

W. Smith reminded the Board they approved a special local needs registration for Kelthane 35 in 1991 to control mites. He advised the members that Rohm & Haas discontinued that formulation and replaced it with Kelthane 50. They are now requesting a 24c for the new formulation. Richard Bradbury, Maine Forest Service, was present and provided additional information about the active ingredient.

Storch/Berry: Motion made and seconded to approve Rohm & Haas' request for a 24c registration for Kelthane 50.

In Favor: Unanimous

7. Other Old or New Business

a. Productivity Realization Task Force - Batteese told the members the Department's plan was presented to the task force and approved. He directed their attention to copies of the major portions of the plan. Batteese noted the impact on the clerical staff, specifically as it pertained to J. Paul's position.

Saviello directed Batteese to ask Jack Richards to call him to discuss the matter and