

MONTANA WHEAT AND BARLEY COMMITTEE

**Fall Board Meeting
In-Person/Zoom Meeting
Great Falls, Montana
October 12, 2021**

The following were present for either a portion of or the entire meeting.

DIRECTORS

Mike O'Hara, Chairman
Terry Angvick, Director
Denise Conover, Director
Max Cederberg, Director

Charlie Bumgarner, Director
Brett Dailey, Director
Llew Jones, Director

EX-OFFICIO DIRECTORS

Sam Schmidt, Montana Milling

STAFF

Cassidy Marn, Executive Vice President
Sam Anderson, Industry Analyst & Outreach Coordinator
Jason Laird, Marketing & Program Coordinator
Kolleen Spurgin, Budget & Grants Coordinator
Tammy Suek, Administrative Assistant

GUESTS

Alison Vergeront, Executive Director, MGGA
Zach Coccoli, Deputy Director, Department of Ag
Brian Sorenson, Northern Crops Institute
Dave Tweet, Barley Expert
Ingrid Mallo, Fiscal Officer, Department of Agriculture
Judy Clay, Budget Analyst, Department of Agriculture
Olivia Weitz, Public Radio
Janice Cooper, Wheat Marketing Center
Daniel Juliano, MSU Tech Transfer Office
Mitch Konen, MGGA, Producer
Dr. George Haynes, MSU
Darren Boss, MSU
Javier Chavez, Marketing Specialist, USGC
Jennifer Sydney, USWA
Kyle Gilliam, CGI
Tim O'Connor, Wheat Quality Council

Tuesday, October 12, 2021:

Chairman O'Hara called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

Director Jones moved, and Director Bumgarner seconded the motion to approve the tentative agenda. The motion passed unanimously.

Review of June 16, 2021 Meeting Minutes

Chairman O'Hara presented the minutes of the Summer Board Meeting.

Director Bumgarner moved, and Director Jones seconded the motion to approve the minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

Department of Agriculture Update

Acting Deputy Director Coccoli reported to the board that the State Grain Lab received a block grant for marketing purposes. He also gave kudos to Executive VP Marn and Sam for all their help with the lab and the committee. Growth through Ag grant funding hit a record with 158 applications and a 7.8 million ask. They would like to be able to fund most of them so they will be requesting more ARPA funding.

Montana Grain Growers Update

Executive Director Vergeront said they had a busy summer with meeting and travel. She said no matter what the convention will be in-person this year, she has no plans for virtual options. She is working on setting up a leadership class for her board and possibly Wheat & Barley.

View from the Trade

Sam Schmidt gave an overview of grain prices. He also commented on bread cost versus wheat costs. There is still a freight struggle and quality struggle.

MSU Update

Darren Boss started the update with saying the university has had an outstanding year, Jason Cook has been selected as the new Spring Wheat breeder, Suchismita Mondal has accepted the position as the new Winter Wheat breeder, and Venugopal Mendu is the new Endowed Chair and will be starting after the first of the year.

Dr. Haynes talked about a new public/private venture called AgriNovis, the program helps recognize research and innovations to stay in state instead of going elsewhere.

Daniel Juliano explained what the Tech Transfer office does and its involvement in the AgriNovis process. Director Jones discussed the origins of the program.

Financial Update

EV President Marn presented the financial including projections for this budget cycle coming up. She also addressed some refunder issues.

Barley Update

Dave Tweet introduced himself to the new board members, his credentials, and his activities over the past few months.

Marketing & Communications Update

Jason introduced himself to the board and what he has been up to. He will be working on marketing information for refunders and consumers, a new mission statement and a good social media presents.

Executive Vice President Update

EV President Marn reported on the crop quality of this year's crop, and the need for the crop survey. She also let them know about some of the new grant applications.

Industry Analyst Update

Sam updated the committee on trade team activity.

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External Organization's Overview

US Wheat Associates – Jennifer Sydney
Northern Crops Institute – Brian Sorenson
Wheat Marketing Center – Janice Cooper
Wheat Foods Council – Tim O'Conner
US Grains Council – Javier Chavez

Each gave an overview of their organizations.

Approval of Staff and Director Travel

Director Jones moved, and Director Dailey seconded the motion to approve the travel.
The motion passed unanimously.

Upcoming Events

Oct. 13-15	USWA Crop Quality – Portland, OR
Oct. 28	Wheat Marketing Center – Virtual
Oct. 29-30	Farmer's Union Convention – Great Falls
Oct. 29	MWBC Grants Close
Nov. 8-10	USWA Fall Board Meeting – Kansas City, MO
Nov. 8-10	MT Farm Bureau Convention – Billings, MT
Nov. 11	Office Closed
Nov. 12-13	MSU Celebrate Ag – Bozeman, MT
Nov. 16	Northeast MT Ag Expo – Glasgow
Nov. 18-19	NCI 40 th Anniversary – Fargo, ND
Nov. 18	Latin American Industrial Millers Association (ALIM) – Virtual
Nov. 25	Office Closed
Nov. 30	MWBC Budget Board Meeting – Great Falls
Nov. 30-Dec. 2	MGGA Convention – Great Falls
Dec. 24	Office Closed
Dec. 31	Office Closed
Jan. 4-6	Flour Milling for State Wheat Commissioners and Staff – Manhattan, KS
Jan. 10-14	USWA Winter Board Meeting – Washington DC
Jan. 18-20	Wheat Foods Council – Charleston, SC
Jan. 26-28	PNW Falling Number Workshop – Coeur d' Alene, ID
Jan. 26-28	MABA/MGEA Convention – Great Falls, MT
Feb. 7-9	National Barley Growers – Washington DC
Feb. 7-11	Producer Tour – Portland, OR
Feb. 14-16	USGC Board Meeting – Greenville, SC
Mar. 7-11	Producer Tour – Portland, OR
Mar. 8-10	Canadian Crops Convention – Ottawa, Canada

New Board Assignments:

Director Dailey will be on USWA, and Director Angvick will represent the Committee on Northern Crops Institute.

Leadership Roles

Chairman – Mike O'Hara
Vice Chairman – Denise Conover

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Director Dailey moved, and Director Bumgarner seconded the motion to approve the nominees for Chairman & Vice Chairman. The motion passed unanimously.

Grant Review Instructions

Tammy Suek explained the grant application review process.

New Business

Next board meeting – November 30, 2021

Chairman O'Hara adjourned the meeting at 3:35 p.m.

Cassidy Marn, Executive Vice President

Date