

MONTANA WHEAT AND BARLEY COMMITTEE

Spring Board Meeting

Zoom Meeting

Great Falls, Montana

March 3, 2021

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

DIRECTORS

Mike O'Hara, Chairman

Adam Carney, Vice Chairman

Denise Conover, Director

Max Cederberg, Director

Charlie Bumgarner, Director

Brett Dailey, Director

EX-OFFICIO DIRECTORS

Mike Foster, Director, Department of Agriculture

Dr. Sreekala Bajwa, Vice President of Agriculture, MSU

Sam Schmidt, Montana Milling

STAFF

Cassidy Marn, Executive Vice President

Sam Anderson, Industry Analyst & Outreach Coordinator

Kolleen Spurgin, Budget & Grants Coordinator

Tammy Suek, Administrative Assistant

GUESTS

Mary Burrows, MSU

Wednesday, March 3, 2021:

Chairman O'Hara called the meeting to order at 8:10 a.m.

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

Review of December 2, 2020 Meeting Minutes

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

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

Department of Agriculture Update

The new director for the department, Mike Foster introduced himself and gave an update on the department and the legislative activity.

New Director Introduction

The new director for district 7, Brett Dailey introduced himself to the rest of the committee.

Financial Update

EV President Marn introduced 2 new proposals that came in after the budget meeting for funding and the 3 re-negotiated proposals the board had requested at the last meeting. Director Conover expressed concern about accepting requests after the deadline.

The board heard both the new proposals:

Montana Custom Rates – Kate Fuller - \$10,000

Director Conover moved, and Director Carney seconded the motion to approve the proposal for \$10,000. The motion passed unanimously.

Eastern Montana Research Center – Chengci Chen - \$60,000 (Tractor)

Director Conover moved, and Director Bumgarner seconded the motion to approve the proposal for \$60,000. The motion passed unanimously.

3 re-negotiated proposals (Wanner, Dyer & Lachowicz) - \$19,968

Director Bumgarner moved, and Director Carney seconded the motion to approve the proposals for \$19,968. The motion passed unanimously.

Final 2021 Budget amount \$4,366,291

Director Conover moved, and Director Carney seconded the motion to approve the final 2021 budget for \$4,366,291. The motion passed unanimously.

U.S. Grains Council Board Meeting

Director Bumgarner and Chairman O'Hara participated in the meeting on Zoom. Director Bumgarner attended the Western Hemisphere and Barley Sector where there was a great interest in food barley and China.

PNW Wheat Quality

Sam Anderson attended the Wheat Quality meeting on-line where he found that malt was something China was interested in.

Wheat Quality Council Meeting

Director Cederberg and EV President Marn participated in the online forms for the Wheat Quality Meeting where there was a lot of talk of the weather conditions and MT presented Dagmar wheat.

Wheat Foods Council

Director Conover was unable to attend this meeting but is planning on being at their summer meeting.

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NCI Food Barley

Director Bumgarner, Sam Schmidt and Sam Anderson all attended the virtual food barley course and they all felt it had value.

National Barley Growers Board Meeting

Chairman O'Hara and Director Bumgarner spoke to Senator Tester and Representative Rosendale about residue levels and other barley issues.

National Barley Improvement Committee

Chairman O'Hara attended the online meeting, Mike Davis the head of the organization is planning on retiring this year, so they will be searching for a replacement. The Brewers Association took a bad turn this past year.

U.S. Wheat Associates Winter Board Meeting

Directors Carney, Conover, EV President Marn and Sam Anderson attended the meeting virtually. Director Carney participated in the Joint Trade meeting where they mostly talked about the Chinese commitments and in the Long Range meeting, they are looking at voting changes.

Director Conover is the chair of the Wheat Quality group where their topic was mostly about the drought and the effects it has on production. She also attended the Food Aid meeting where the discussion was on the pandemic causing hunger to be on the rise around the world.

Industry Analyst Update

Sam sat in the transportation committee at USWA and reported that Claire Hutchins is leaving to pursue other opportunities.

Executive Vice President Update

EV President Marn reported to the committee about her talks with both MGEA and MGGA. There was a discussion on the refunder lists and what would be more helpful to them. She also talked about opening the job listing for the vacancy the bureau has.

Heineken Meeting

Sam updated the directors on progress that has been made with the company. Transportation is still the biggest hang-up.

Approval of Staff and Director Travel

Upcoming Events

Mar. 25	Wheat Marketing Center – Virtual
Jun. 7-9	US Wheat Meeting – Bend, OR
Jun. 23-24	Wheat Foods Council – Denver, CO
Jul. 26-28	US Grains Council – Calgary, Canada
Aug. 11-12	MT Farm to School Summit - Helena

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U.S. Durum Meeting

Director Carney attended their meeting virtually and talked about how Durum acres are moving west, and they are actively searching for a Montana board member to represent producers in the state.

New Business

Next board meeting – June 16, 2021, Moccasin

Chairman O'Hara adjourned the meeting at 10:25 a.m.

Director Carney moved to adjourn the meeting and Director Bumgarner seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Cassidy Marn, Executive Vice President

Date