

# **MONTANA WHEAT AND BARLEY COMMITTEE**

**Board Meeting  
Zoom Meeting  
Great Falls, Montana  
April 4, 2022**

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

## **DIRECTORS**

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

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

## **EX-OFFICIO DIRECTORS**

Dr. Bajwa, MSU  
Christy Clark, Director, Department of Agriculture

## **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**

Cort Jensen, Staff Attorney, Department of Ag

## **Monday, April 4, 2022:**

*Chairman O'Hara called the meeting to order at 7:30 a.m. Introductions.*

## **Assessment**

The directors who have spoken to producers so far have heard only support for raising the assessment to 2 ½ cents per bushel for wheat and 3 ½ cents per hundred weight for barley. The directors were not in favor of changing to percentages and the assessment needs to stay refundable.

Director Bumgarner made a motion to raise the assessment to 2 ½ cents per bushel for wheat and 3 ½ cents per hundred weight for barley. Director Dailey seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

## **Wheat Marketing Center**

Executive Vice President Marn brought before the committee a \$10,000 request from the Wheat Marketing Center to help pay for cross training two new employees, the new Executive Director, and new Food Scientist.

Director Jones moved, and Director Angvick seconded it, to grant the Wheat Marketing Center's request of \$10,000. The motion passed unanimously.

## **Assessment Procedures**

Cort Jensen explained the next steps in changing the assessment, he will make a draft request for a rules change to send to the Governor for approval. Then Cort will draft the change and show it to the Director and EV President Marn to approve, he will send the

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formalized draft back to the Governor for approval. After that he will send it to the Secretary of State and is publicly noticed, there needs to be at least one public meeting depending on the wishes of the committee. Once those are complete it goes back to the Secretary of State for adoption and could take 4 to 6 weeks.

*Chairman O'Hara adjourned the meeting at 8:30 a.m.*

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Cassidy Marn, Executive Vice President

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