

# **MONTANA WHEAT AND BARLEY COMMITTEE**

## **Summer Board Meeting**

### **In-Person Meeting**

**Fort Benton, Montana**

**June 20, 2023**

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

#### **DIRECTORS**

Denise Conover, Chairwoman  
Mike O'Hara, Retiring Director  
Terry Angvick, Vice Chairman  
Keven Bradley, Director

Lee Dahlman, Incoming Director  
Charlie Bumgarner, Director  
Brett Dailey, Director  
Max Cederberg, Director

#### **EX-OFFICIO DIRECTORS**

Jake McFarlin, Grain Trade, Mountain View Coop  
Christy Clark, Director of Department of Agriculture

#### **STAFF**

Kent Kupfner, Executive Director  
Sam Anderson, Industry Analyst & Outreach Coordinator  
Jason Laird, Marketing & Program Coordinator  
Kolleen Spurgin, Budget & Grants Coordinator  
Tammy Suek, Administrative Assistant

#### **GUESTS**

Zach Coccoli, Deputy Director, Department of Ag  
Alison Vergeront, Montana Grain Growers  
Cleo Kalanick, Montana Grain Growers  
Liz Edmundson, Montana Pulse Crop Committee  
Vince Peterson, US Wheat Associate  
Frank Schoonover, Producer  
Darin Boss, MSU

#### **Tuesday, June 20, 2023:**

*Chairwoman Conover called the meeting to order at 1:10 p.m. Introductions. No public comment.*

#### **Review of April 12, 2023, Meeting Minutes**

Chairwoman Conover presented the minutes of the Spring Board Meeting.

Director Dailey moved, and Director Angvick seconded the motion to approve the minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

#### **Financial Update**

Kolleen Spurgin presented the financial update and addressed some refunder issues.

#### **MSU**

Darren Boss updated the directors on the Field days and Mary Burrow's departure from the university. Many of the building projects were approved at the last minute by the legislature.

#### **Grain Trade**

Jake McFarlin talked about the importance protein will be this season with the uncertainty of this year's crop. Some wheat will struggle to find homes this season.

### **Department of Agriculture Update**

Director Clark reported to the board that the department's IT will be combining with the Department of Livestocks to save on resources. They have been hosting several trade teams as well. They are also administering a few Federal Government grants.

The department has been invited to participate in the Governor's trip to Taiwan at the end of October and has asked Executive Director Kupfner to attend.

Deputy Director Coccoli presented a new version of a bill that will be put forth to combine all the parts to the Wheat & Barley's statutes into one section.

### **MT Grain Growers**

Executive Director Vergeront introduced Liz Edmunson as the new Executive Director for the Pulse Committee. Lochiel Edwards will not be doing any more rail reporting. The convention this year will be held at the fairgrounds this coming year. They will also be doing a Farm Bill Fly-in sometime this fall.

### **Pet Food Forum and National Barley Growers Association**

Director Bumgarner learned quite a bit at the forum and realized this was not the venue that we would need to attend in the future. Nation Barley Growers was held in St. Louis and was well attended.

### **Staff Updates**

Executive Director Kupfner, Jason and Sam all gave updates on their activities since the last board meeting:

- Kent talked about the trade teams, and the other meetings he has attended.
- Jason let the board know how much our communication has grown over the last few months.
- Sam had a handout with information about his travels and research and funding.

### **Approval of Staff and Director Travel**

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

### **Upcoming Events**

June 24-26	Korean Crop Survey Trade Team
June 26-27	Western Wheat Workers – Bozeman
June 28	Field Day – Moccasin
June 29	Field Day – Havre
July 4	Office Closed
July 6	Field Day – Conrad
July 10-13	US Wheat Summer Board Meeting – Minneapolis, MN
July 11	Field Day – Sidney
July 13	Field Day – Creston
July 19	Post Farm/Bozeman
July 19	Molson Coors Field Day
July 25-27	Malteurop Field Days

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July 25	Northern Crops Institute – Ancient Grains Conference – Elk River, MN
July 26-28	US Grains Council Summer Meeting – Calgary, Canada
July 27	Field Day – Corvallis
July 30-Aug 1	SE Asia Trade Team
Aug 17-19	Zenfunkyo Trade Team
Sept. 4	Office Closed
Sept. 14-16	Japanese Trade Team
Sept. 14-15	IAOM Western District Golf – Big Sky
Oct. 27-Nov 3	Governor's Trip to Taiwan
Nov. 3-4	Celebrate Ag!! Weekend – Bozeman
Nov. 6-10	US Wheat Fall Board Meeting – Cincinnati, Ohio

### **US Wheat Associates**

Vince Peterson the president of US Wheat Associates came and talked about the world grain situation and how it affects the producers of Montana.

### **New Business**

Next board meeting – October 23-24, 2023, in Great Falls  
Strategic Planning Seminar, retreat will discuss more at the October meeting.

*Chairwoman Conover asked for public comment and heard none. The meeting was adjourned at 5:45 p.m. Executive Session was called for after the general meeting.*

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Kent Kupfner, Executive Director

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