

Montana Wheat and Barley Committee
Fall Board Meeting
Department of Agriculture
Helena, MT
October 13, 2017

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

DIRECTORS

Mike O'Hara, Chairman

Denise Conover, Vice Chairman

Bruce Myllymaki, Director

Buzz Mattelin, Director

Randy Hinebauch, Director

Chris Kolstad, Director

Not Present: Leonard Schock, Director

EX-OFFICIOS

Dr. Charles Boyer, Vice President - MSU College of Agriculture

Blake Malcolm, Columbia Grain

Ben Thomas, Director of The Department of Agriculture

STAFF

Collin Watters, Executive Vice President

Kolleen Spurgin, Budget and Grants Coordinator

Tammy Suek, Administrative Assistant

GUESTS

Kim Mangold, Deputy Director - Montana Department of Agriculture

Libbi Lovshin, CSD Administrator

Lola Raska, Executive Director, Montana Grain Growers

Greg Stordahl, Bureau Chief, State Grain Lab

Lochiel Edwards, Director, Grains Foundation

Maia LaSalle, Ag Ombudsman, BNSF Railway

Cort Jensen, Staff Attorney, Dept. of Ag

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Chairman O'Hara called the meeting to order at 12:30 pm. He called for public comment and heard none. Introductions were made.

Director Myllymaki made the motion to adopt the tentative agenda with changes and Director Kolstad seconded it. The agenda passed unanimously.

Chairman O'Hara presented the minutes of the June 29, 2017 Board Meeting.

Director Conover moved and Director Myllymaki seconded the motion to approve the minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

"View from the Trade Report"

Blake Malcolm reported that shuttle freight is slow because of the drought and low production numbers. We will be seeing higher storage numbers because of lower prices. Surprisingly there were

now high abandonment numbers because of the drought. Malt barley was hardest hit by the drought. Durum is following Spring Wheat in the markets.

MT Department of Agriculture Update

Director Thomas talked to the committee about the state budget shortfall and the 10% cut to the department's budget. The pulse committee asked for public comment on an assessment increase for pulse, but the producers responded with a no increase recommendation.

Legal Obligations/Lobbying

Cort Jensen gave an overview to the committee about how they can respond to political activity and legislation as members of the committee. The directors can have an opinion on regulations not legislation.

State Grain Lab Fee Changes

Greg Stordahl explained the proposed fee schedule for the State Grain Lab, it is not affecting wheat & barley producers as much as pulse producers. There will be a price increase for the falling number tests. The fee changes will be sent to FIGIS for approval.

Financial Update

Kolleen Spurgin gave the directors an updated budget and a listing of refunders. Executive Vice President Watters went over projections for the upcoming budget meeting, his calculations were \$3,043,869.

MSU Update

Dr. Boyer updated the committee on the growth of enrollment, Celebrate Ag! and Darren Boss taking over for Barry Jacobsen as head of the research centers. The university is getting ready for a 5% reduction from the state.

U.S. Wheat Meeting

Directors Kolstad and Conover attended the U.S. Wheat Summer Board Meeting in Annapolis, MD. They are thinking about doing only 2 meetings a year, if that happens it won't start until 2021. Director Kolstad said Vietnam is now excepting shipments of wheat without fumigation. Director Conover has been appointed to the Audit Committee.

U.S. Grains Council Meeting & Field To Market

Director Mattelin attended the USGC meeting in Vancouver, where he sits on the Western Hemisphere Advisory Committee. He also attended the Field to Market meeting that focuses on sustainability and irrigation.

Executive Vice President's Report

EVP Watters updated the directors on his activities since the last meeting. He attended the Sidney field days and took some time to see some of the damage the drought in eastern Montana has done to fields in that area.

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He gave a presentation at the International Association of Millers in Big Sky where he made some good contacts. He went to Helena where the Governor presented a gift to the president of Nippon for the 20th anniversary of Pasta Montana.

The Transatlantic Dialog was held in Bozeman with the German Chamber of Commerce, the turnout was a little low, but the conversation was good. EVP Watters also met with the group of Taiwan millers in Helena with the governor.

Approval of out-of-state Director & staff travel

Director Kolstad moved and Director Myllymaki seconded the motion to approve the travel with additions. The motion passed unanimously.

Upcoming Events

Oct. 16-20	USWA Fall Board Meeting – North Charleston, SC
Oct. 20-21	MT Farmers Union Convention – Great Falls
Oct. 24-25	Wheat Marketing Center Board Meeting – Portland, OR
Oct. 26	Nippon Trade Team – Great Falls
Oct. 26-27	Showa/Sangyo Trade Team – Great Falls
Oct. 27	MWBC Grants Closed
Nov. 1-20	USWA Asia Crop Tour - Asia
Nov. 3-4	MSU Celebrate Ag – Bozeman
Nov. 5-11	Transatlantic Dialog – Germany
Nov. 10-12	Mexican Craft Brewers Convention - Mexico
Nov. 10	Veteran’s Day – Office Closed
Nov. 12-18	USWA European Crop Tour – Europe
Nov. 12-15	MT Farm Bureau Convention – Billings
Nov. 14-16	Field to Market & Sustainable Agriculture Summit-Kansas City, MO
Nov. 14	Sister City Kimoto Anniversary - Helena
Nov. 14	NCI Fall Board Meeting – Great Falls
Nov. 23	Thanksgiving Day – Office Closed
Nov. 26-29	ALIM - Colombia
Nov. 27-28	MWBC Budget Board Meeting – Great Falls
Nov. 28-30	MGGA Convention – Great Falls
Nov. 29	MWBC 50 th Anniversary Dinner – Great Falls
Dec. 5-8	Producer Tour – Portland
Dec. 25	Christmas Day – Office Closed
Jan. 1	New Year’s Day – Office Closed
Jan. 17-19	Wheat Foods Council Meeting – Scottsdale, AZ
Jan. 23	Japanese Flour Millers Anniversary - Japan
Jan. 24-26	MABA/MGEA Convention – Great Falls
Jan. 24-26	PNW Wheat Quality Meeting – San Diego, CA
Feb. 4-7	National Barley Growers – Washington, DC
Feb. 6-11	USWA Winter Board Meeting – Washington, DC
Feb. 12-14	USGC Annual Meeting – Houston, TX
Mar. 3-7	National Barley Improvement Committee – Washington, DC

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Jul. 18-20 USW Latin America Buyers Conference – Rio de Janeiro, Brazil
Aug. 25-29 USW North Asia Marketing Conference – Kota Kinabalu, Malaysia

New Business

There was a discussion about the MSU scholarships and if they should be given to families who refund. It was decided not to punish the child because of the parents.

Elections were held, and the results were:

Director Conover – Chairwoman

Director Hinebauch – Vice Chairman

Call for Public Comment – none

Chairman O’Hara adjourned the meeting at 4:30 p.m.

Collin Watters, Executive Vice President

Date