

Montana Wheat and Barley Committee
Spring Board Meeting
#108 Plant Bioscience Building, MSU
Bozeman, MT
March 14, 2019

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

DIRECTORS

Randy Hinebauch, Chairman
Denise Conover, Director
Adam Carney, Director

Charlie Bumgarner, Director
Mike O'Hara, Director

EX-OFFICIOS

Dr. Sreekala Bajwa, Vice President - MSU College of Agriculture
Jason Myers, MT Craft Malting

STAFF

Collin Watters, Executive Vice President
Kolleen Spurgin, Budget & Grants Coordinator
Tammy Suek, Administrative Assistant

GUESTS

Kim Mangold, Deputy Director - Montana Department of Agriculture
Zach Coccoli – Staff Attorney, MT Department of Agriculture
Jesse Anderson, Ag Representative – Senator Jon Tester's Office
Anton Bekkerman, Professor, MSU
Daniel Juliano, Tech Transfer Office
Mike Giroux, Professor, MSU
Mark Jirik, Executive Director, Northern Crops Institute

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Chairman Hinebauch called the meeting to order at 1:00 pm. Introductions were made.

Director O'Hara moved to adopt the tentative agenda and Director Bumgarner seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Public comment was requested.

Jesse Anderson had a few comments on the passed farm bill.
Kim Mangold commented on the pulse lab funding being cut.

Chairman Hinebauch presented the minutes from the November 26-27, 2018 meeting.

Director Bumgarner moved to accept the minutes and Director Carney seconded. The motion was passed unanimously.

Industry Representative Update

Jason Myers was introduced to the board as the new grain trade representative.

Director O'Hara moved to confirm Jason Myers as the new Industry Representative and Director Bumgarner seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Jason gave a brief report about how the rail was slow due to the weather conditions and the time of year.

Financial Report and Collection Update

EV President Watters and Kolleen Spurgin went over the financials with the board and answered any questions they may have had.

MT Department of Agriculture Update

Deputy Director Mangold let the committee know that the increase of the assessment cap had passed the legislature. The first Hemp Advisory meeting is being held April 3, 2019. The federal government shutdown effected the State Grain lab and caused some delays, they now have two more trained inspectors for wheat. The hail board meeting will be held March 26, 2019.

Transportation Update

Zach Coccoli informed the board that the Rail Service Competition Council has been defunded and will disband.

MSU Update

Dr. Bajwa introduced herself to the board, then gave an update on the bills going through the legislature including Romney Hall and money for new greenhouses. She would also like to have the ranch system program back at the university.

Northern Crops Institute

Mark Jirik introduced himself to the committee and updated them on what is going on at the institute including new classes and some new personnel.

Break

U.S. Wheat Association Meeting

Director Conover attended WOLF Training before the USWA meeting, she said it was a good class for other directors to attend. She went to the wheat quality session where the talk was about falling numbers, she thought it was interesting that in Canada the elevators cleaned the wheat that was delivered, unlike the US.

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EVP Watters attended the Food aid, SPS and Transportation meetings. The discussion at the meeting was about the trade issues.

U.S. Grains Council

Directors O'Hara and Bumgarner traveled to Colombia to attend this meeting, most of the talk was about the US/Canada/Mexico trade talks. Barley was discussed, and the domestic market has become a focus.

National Barley Growers Association

Director O'Hara and EVP Watters went to Washington DC for this meeting the discussion centered around trade issues and the strategic planning the group is working on.

National Barley Improvement Committee

Director O'Hara attended this meeting in Washington DC, the group meets with representatives and senators to educate them on barley issues. The beer industry is growing here and all over the world, he learned that Ohio has its own malting plant and is planting its own barley because of the demand.

Technical Transfer

Daniel Juliano explained to the board some of the changes that have taken place in his office, and how they will benefit the breeding programs.

Wheat Quality Improvement Team

Mike Giroux traveled with several other researchers to Central and South America to educate them on the end-use quality requirements of key overseas markets. Mike reported that most want consistency and that is almost impossible.

Wheat Foods Council Update

Director Conover attended the meeting in New Orleans, LA, the talk at this meeting was about food bloggers and how they could be an asset for the promotion of wheat.

Williston Research Center Visit

Director Carney was asked to take a tour of the center and listen to their pitch for funding for their seed cleaning facility. They have started a capital campaign to raise the needed funding for the project. The directors agreed that they would consider it when the budgeting happened in the fall.

Executive Vice President's Report

EVP Watters gave his report on the varietal release meeting, and the Craft Malt Conference in Bozeman. There were lots of attendees from around the world at the conference. He also let the board know that the new hire was Sam Anderson.

Approval of out-of-state Director & staff travel

Director Conover moved, and Director Carney seconded the motion to approve the travel with additions. The motion passed unanimously.

Upcoming Events

Mar. 17-27	USWA Board Trip – Europe
Mar. 18-19	Manufacturing & International Trade Day – Helena
Mar. 20	Ag Appreciation Lunch - Helena
Mar. 28-29	Wheat Marketing Center Board Meeting – Portland, OR
Apr. 1	Northern Crops Institute Board Meeting – Brookings, SD
Apr. 1-12	MWBC Sponsorship Application Open
Apr. 7-10	USGC World Staff Meeting – Victoria, Canada
Apr. 8-11	Craft Brewers Conference – Denver, CO
Apr. 30-May 3	JFMA Trade Team – Great Falls
May 6-9	Constellation Trade Team – Eastern MT
May 27	Memorial Day – Office Closed
Jun. 2-4	Mexico Wheat Trade Conference – Cancun, Mexico
Jun. 10-13	USWA Summer Meeting – Whitefish, MT
Jun. 17-18	National Barley Growers – Jackson Hole, WY
Jun. 25-27	Wheat Foods Council – Minneapolis, MN
Jun. 27	Field Day - Havre
Jul. 1-12	MWBC Sponsorship Application Open
Jul. 4	Independence Day – Office Closed
Jul. 8-12	Mexican Craft Brewers – Great Falls
Jul. 10	Field Day – Moccasin
Jul. 16	Field Day – Sidney
Jul. 17-19	MAES Advisory Summer Meeting – Kalispell
Jul. 18	Field Day – Creston
Jul. 22-25	Wheat Quality Hard Spring Wheat & Durum Tour – Fargo, ND
Jul. 23	Post Farm – Bozeman
Jul. 25	Field Day - Corvallis
Jul. 29-31	USGC Summer Board Meeting – Cincinnati, OH
Jul or Aug	CCM Trade Team
Aug. 26-29	USWA World Staff Meeting – Barcelona, Spain
Sep. 2	Labor Day – Office Closed
Oct. 1-14	MWBC Sponsorship Application Open
Oct. 14	Columbus Day – Office Closed
Oct. 25-27	USGC/Mexican Trade Show – Mexico
Nov. 1-2	MSU Ag Weekend – Bozeman
Nov. 3-8	USWA Fall Board Meeting – Santa Fe, NM
Nov. 11	Veteran’s Day – Office Closed
Nov. 18-19	Japan Buyers Conference
Nov. 28	Thanksgiving Day – Office Closed
Dec. 2-3	MWBC Board Meeting – Great Falls
Dec. 3-6	MGGA Convention – Great Falls
Dec. 25	Christmas Day – Office Closed

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New Business

The summer board meeting will be held in Whitefish before the US Wheat Meeting on June 10th, 2019.

Call for Public Comment – none

Chairman Hinebauch adjourned the meeting.

Cassidy Marn, Interim Executive Vice President

Date