

MONTANA WHEAT AND BARLEY COMMITTEE

**Budget Board Meeting
Zoom Meeting
Great Falls, Montana
December 2, 2020**

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

DIRECTORS

Mike O'Hara, Chairman

Adam Carney, Vice Chairman

Llew Jones, Director

Max Cederberg, Director

Charlie Bumgarner, Director

Denise Conover, Director

STAFF

Cassidy Marn, Executive Vice President

Sam Anderson, Industry Analyst & Outreach Coordinator

Kolleen Spurgin, Budget & Grants Coordinator

Tammy Suek, Administrative Assistant

EX-OFFICIO DIRECTORS

Ben Thomas, Director, Department of Agriculture

Sreekala Bajwa, Vice President of Agriculture, MSU

Sam Schmidt, Montana Milling

GUESTS

Kim Mangold, Montana Farmers Union

Mary Burrows, MSU

Cristy Clark, Deputy Director, Department of Ag

Wednesday, December 2, 2020

Chairman O'Hara called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m. Introductions were made.

Called for public comment heard none.

Review of October 14, 2020 Meeting Minutes

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

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

Department of Agriculture

Director Thomas announced this would be his last meeting and that he had found a new job.

Financial Update

Executive Vice President Marn gave the financial update saying we are having a good year and keeping steady with assessments. There was a short discussion on barley.

"View from the Trade"

Sam Schmidt reported organic grain is in high demand.

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Budget Discussion

State Grain Lab discussion.
Transportation discussion.

Break

Budget

Wheat Stem Sawfly discussion.

Chairman O'Hara moved that the budget total of \$4,276,323 be approved,
Director Jones seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Staff and Director Travel

All travel has been suspended for now, most meetings have gone virtual.

Upcoming Events

Jan. 11-15	Wheat Foods Council – Virtual
Jan. 13-14	Malt Barley & Sugar Beet Symposium - Virtual
Jan. 26-29	PNW Wheat Quality – Virtual
Feb. 1-3	US Grains Council – Virtual
Feb. 2-6	US Wheat Winter Meeting – Washington, DC
Jun. 23-24	Wheat Foods Council – Denver, CO
Jul. 26-28	US Grains Council – Calgary, Canada

New Business

Next board meeting – March 3, 2021

Chairman O'Hara adjourned the meeting at 11:30 a.m.

Cassidy Marn, Executive Vice President

Date