

MONTANA WHEAT AND BARLEY COMMITTEE

**Spring Board Meeting
In-Person/Zoom Meeting
Great Falls, Montana
March 1, 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
Sam Schmidt, Grain Trade Rep.

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

Zach Coccoli, Deputy Director, Department of Ag
Scott Monke, U.S. Durum Growers
Klayton Lohr, U.S. Durum Growers
Rachel Falks, MSU
Vince Peterson, U.S. Wheat Associates
Alyssa Mutschelknaus, U.S. Durum Growers
Mitch Konen, MGGA
Jamie Sherman, MSU
Alison Vergeront, MGGA

Tuesday, March 1, 2022:

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

Review of November 30, 2021 Meeting Minutes

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

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

Financial Update

Kolleen Spurgin presented the financial. End of the year billing for 2021. She also addressed some refunder issues.

Assessment

Zach Coccoli explained the process for raising the assessments of both wheat & barley. It will start with board approval then public meetings for producers. After that we can change the rule, Chairman O'Hara is for starting now Vice Chairman Conover agreed. It was suggested that listening sessions could happen at the MAES field days this summer.

US Wheat Association

Vice Chairman Conover, Director Bumgarner and EV President Marn traveled to Washington DC to attend the winter meeting of U.S. Wheat. VC Conover attended the Joint International trade committee meeting they discussed the new Mexican Leader's wish to be more self sufficient as far as growing everything his country needs to feed its self by 2024.

She also attended the Wheat Breeding Innovations and learned more about gene editing in the fruit industry. Much more accepted than GMO branding.

Supply and Demand

Vince Peterson, President of USWA gave a presentation on how the supply and demand works in the world and how the Russia/Ukraine conflict will disrupt it.

MSU

Dr. Bajwa gave an update on the capitol projects going on at the university, with the increase of construction costs and a labor shortage the projects going slowly. Most of the new hires have started and they are having trouble hiring due to salary and housing in Bozeman.

U.S. Durum Growers

The growers explained the grant for \$10,000, that did not get considered during the grant cycle.

Director Angvick moved, and Director Dailey seconded the motion to fund the US Durum Grower's grant for \$10,000. The motion passed unanimously.

View From the Trade

Sam Schmidt reported on the weed project Dr. Sands had been working on, he has since retired and Alan Dyer from MSU will be taking it over.

National Barley Growers Association

Mitch Konen gave an update on the meeting; the farm bill and insurance is not changing. They also discussed trade with Mexico and Japan.

Wheat Quality Council & PNW Wheat Quality

EV President Marn attended both meetings, they were good meetings but still low on attendance. Japan will be getting even more strict on buckwheat contamination.

Wheat Foods Council

Director Conover attended the meeting virtually. There was a lot of talk about plant-based foods in the fast-food industry.

IGP Flour Milling Course

Director Cederberg, Sam Anderson, and Jason Laird attended the course in Kansas. Good information and learned a lot.

Sam Anderson Update

Sam attended the food barely course at NCI, Mark Hodges at Plains Grains is retiring soon. MSU is releasing 4 new varieties and we will be doing a naming contest for producers. He attended the Barley meeting in Conrad, and he went to the Pulse meeting in Bozeman at MSU for their research review.

Jason Laird Update

Jason talked about his marketing efforts and his plans for the future. He attended the Grain Elevator Convention and they handed out a lot of maps.

Lunch

Research Videos

Sam showed several 3 minutes videos.

Barley Update

Jamie Sherman gave a barley update to the directors. She explained the barley priorities as she sees them.

Research Priorities

EV President Marn explained how our next budget meeting will be handled. The timeframe, new requirements, October research review.

They talked about the research priorities as determined by the surveys that were taken.

Approval of Staff and Director Travel

Vice Chairman Conover moved, and Director Angvick seconded the motion to approve the travel. The motion passed unanimously.

Upcoming Events

Mar. 6-9	National Barley Improvement Committee – Washington, DC
Mar. 7-11	Producer Tour – Portland, OR
Mar. 21-24	Wheat Marketing Center Board Meeting – Portland, OR
Apr. 1-15	MWBC Sponsorships Open
Apr. 2-6	Global Industry Partners Conference – Austria
May 2-5	Craft Brewer Conference – Minneapolis, MI
May 2-4	Pet Food Industry Conference – Kansas City, MO
May 16-20	Wheat Quality Tour – Kansas
May 30	Office Closed
Jun. 6-9	US Wheat Association – Bend, OR
Jun. 14-16	Wheat Foods Council – SC
Jun. 22	Field Days – Moccasin (8:30)
Jun. 23	Field Days – Havre (3:00)
Jul. 1-15	MWBC Sponsorships Open
Jul. 4	Office Closed
Jul. 7	Field Days – Bozeman (8:00)
Jul. 12	Field Days – Sidney (9:00)
Jul. 14	Field Days – Creston (11:30)
Jul. 19	Field Days – Conrad (10:00)
Jul. 25-27	US Grains Council – Sacramento, CA
Jul. 28	Field Days – Corvallis (4:30)
Aug. 20-25	US Wheat World Staff Meeting – Maui, Hawaii
Sep. 5	Office Closed

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Oct. 10	Office Closed
Oct. 12-14	Export Exchange – Minneapolis, MN
Nov. 6-9	US Wheat Association – Salt Lake City, UT
Nov. 6-9	ALIM – Lima, Peru
Nov. 11	Office Closed
Nov. 24	Office Closed
Dec. 26	Office Closed

New Business

Next board meeting – June 23, 2022

Chairman O'Hara adjourned the meeting at 3:00 p.m.

Cassidy Marn, Executive Vice President

Date