

MONTANA WHEAT AND BARLEY COMMITTEE

**Summer Board Meeting
In-Person/Zoom Meeting
Havre, Montana
June 23, 2022**

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

DIRECTORS

Mike O'Hara, Chairman
Max Cederberg, Director
Denise Conover, Vice Chairman

Charlie Bumgarner, Director
Brett Dailey, Director

EX-OFFICIO DIRECTORS

Christy Clark, Director of the Department of Agriculture

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

Alison Vergeront, MGGA
Cody Pearce, CFO, Department of Agriculture
Mary Burrows, Associate Director of MAES
Cort Jensen, Staff Attorney, Department of Agriculture
Lochiel Edwards, Montana Grains Foundation
Brandee Johnston, MSU
Darren Boss, MSU
Dr. Suchismita Mondal, Winter Wheat Breeder, MSU
Austin Rohr – NW River Partners
Antonina Broyaka, Kansas State University

Thursday, June 23, 2022:

Chairman O'Hara called the meeting to order at 10:10 a.m. Introductions.

Change in the agenda – Move Dr. Mondal to talk before the financials.

Director Dailey moved, and Director Bumgarner seconded the motion to make changes to the agenda. The motion passed unanimously.

The Chairman asked for public comment. Heard none.

Review of March 1, April 4, and May 26, 2022 Meetings Minutes

Chairman O'Hara presented the minutes of the Board Meetings.

Director Bumgarner moved, and Director Cederberg seconded the motion to approve the minutes of March 1. The motion passed unanimously.

Director Dailey moved, and Director Bumgarner seconded the motion to approve the minutes of April 4. The motion passed unanimously.

Director Cederberg moved, and Director Dailey seconded the motion to approve the minutes of May 26. The motion passed unanimously.

Winter Wheat Breeder

Dr. Suchismita Mondal (Sue) introduced herself to the board. She also gave them so of her goals for the future, speeding up the breeding program and sawfly research.

Financial Update

EVP Marn presented the update and let the board know what was not spent after last year. She then shared the 2022 budget.

Cody Pearce introduced herself as the new CFO with the Department of Agriculture.

Sam Anderson talked to the committee about the Board of Investment and maybe moving some monies into a higher interest earning program.

US Wheat Association

Vice Chair Conover, Director Bumgarner and EVP Marn attended the meeting in Bend, OR. She sits on the Food Aid committee; they are having trouble meeting specks and shipping which is more expensive than the wheat all because of the war in Ukraine.

Vice Chair Conover also sits on the Wheat Quality committee and talked about the National Wheat Yield and Quality Contest which is also judged on quality and then only 4 out of forty made the quality.

National Barley Growers Association

Chairman O'Hara and Director Bumgarner attended the meeting in Fargo. Barley is growing good in all the states except Montana. The pet food industry has exploded, and they want barley, and their specks were reasonable. They also got to tour the new facility.

Brandee Johnston

Brandee introduced herself as the Crop Variety and Promotions Education Specialist. She works with the Seed Foundation and MSU to promote new varieties using social media and speaking engagements. She is working on getting out field signs so people know what they are looking at.

Austin Rohr

Mr. Rohr is from Northwest River Partners a river advocacy organization trying to save the dams on the Snake River.

Antonina Broyaka

Ms. Broyaka is a refugee from Ukraine and gave an overview of the situation and how it is affecting the world grain markets.

Sam Anderson Update

Sam talked about the assessment and the way we collect it. He attended the US Grains Council world staff meeting and was able to meet some of the staff he has been working with. He offered the board the opportunity to go to the last two Brewfest's this summer.

Department of Agriculture

Director Clark explained to the directors why the increase in the assessment was turned down by the Lieutenant Governor. The Board requested a meeting with the Lieutenant Governor to further discuss her decision.

Jason Laird Update

Jason talked about a proposal from an organization that offers curriculum with our content for our schools in Montana. They are a full-service education company and provide different levels of service for different costs.

Director Dailey made a motion to fund the YMI proposal included the cost of 1 page teacher's guide & 1 student activity handout and posters, Vice Chairman Conover seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Jason then showed the directors the new website which is in beta testing now.

Approval of Staff and Director Travel

Upcoming Events

Jun. 23	Field Days – Havre (3:00)
Jun. 27	NCI Board Meeting - Fargo
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
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

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New Business

Next board meeting – October 25-26, 2022

Director Bumgarner made a motion to have the Board go into Executive Session,
Director Dailey seconded it. The motion passed unanimously.

Chairman O'Hara adjourned the meeting at 1:00 p.m., went into Executive session.

Jason Laird, Interim Executive Vice President

Date