

MONTANA WHEAT AND BARLEY COMMITTEE

Annual Budget Meeting

La Quinta Suites

Bozeman, Montana

January 11-12, 2016

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

DIRECTORS

Leonard Schock, Chairman
Mike O'Hara, Vice Chairman
Randy Hinebauch, Director
Chris Kolstad, Director

Buzz Mattelin, Director
Bruce Myllymaki, Director
Denise Conover, Director

EX-OFFICIOS

Ron de Yong, Director, Montana Department of Agriculture
Dr. Charles Boyer, Vice President of Agriculture, MSU
Not Present: Byron Grassman, Manager, Mountain View Coop

STAFF

Collin Watters, Executive Vice President
Cassidy Marn, Marketing Program Manager
Steve Becker, Outreach Coordinator
Kolleen Spurgin, Budget & Grants Coordinator
Tammy Suek, Administrative Assistant

GUESTS

Cort Jensen, Staff Attorney, Department of Agriculture
Barry Jacobsen, Dean's Office, MAES
Kim Falcon, Deputy Director, Department of Agriculture
Bret Conover, Producer
Jolene Schalper, VP Business Director, GF Development
Jeremiah Johnson, VP Business Director, GF Development
Eric Sommer, State Statistician, USDA/NASS
Melvin Goffena, Producer

Monday, January 11, 2016:

Chairman Schock called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.
Chairman Schock asked for public comment and heard none.

Review of December 1, 2015 Meeting Minutes

Executive Vice President Collin Watters presented the minutes of the December Interim Board Meeting.

Director Mattelin moved and Director O'Hara seconded the motion to approve the minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

Financial Review

Kolleen Spurgin went through the December 2015 financial statement with the board and answered any questions they had.

Director Myllymaki moved and Director Hinebauch seconded the motion to approve the financials. The motion passes unanimously.

Montana Department of Agriculture

Director de Yong talked to the board about the information that is available from Ben Tiller for transportation issues, including the new software "Rail Rate Checker". He let them know that Ben Tiller could work for the committee a third of the time if the proposal was approved.

Montana State University Update

Dr. Boyer discussed the MAES Advisory meeting on February 23 that the committee is invited to attend along with the Varietal Release meeting the day before. The endowed chair is up and running and collecting donations from corporate sponsors. The university will be recruiting for a pulse breeder in the near future. He also let the board know that 30% of the "MT REDI" funding went to MSU College of Agriculture.

Endowed Chair Update

Director Mattelin wanted the committee's input for the endowed chair's advisory meeting being held in a few weeks. The group consists of 6 people 4 of which are producers. The important issues were wheat quality and the desirable traits that make good quality and wheat stem sawfly study.

Trade Issues

Kim Falcon talked about trade issues including Columbia Grain inspections for crossing the border and new trade restrictions for Canada.

Cort Jensen explained the differences between TPP and NAFTA.

Wheat Milling Course

Director Conover, Kolstad and Executive VP Watters attended the wheat milling course in Kansas, they all thought it was a great course and found it very informative. Learning about how the quality of wheat matters when milling and to the end product was very helpful.

Executive Vice President's Update

Collin was asked to speak at the Teton County Farmer's Union meeting in Power, it was a good meeting with lots of questions about the committee. The office will start advertising for a summer intern to help with collecting samples and updating the website. Dr. Boyer suggested we contact the Ag Economics department and maybe offer to pay some tuition. We are getting closer to a new website coming on-line soon.

Outreach Coordinator Report

Steve Becker attended the Seed Dealer Association convention, it was well attended and he made some good contacts.

Approval of Staff and Director Travel

A few items were added to the upcoming travel (see below) for approval.

Director Kolstad moved to accept the new travel schedule with additions and Director Hinebauch seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Upcoming Events

Jan. 14-15	Wheat Foods Council – Phoenix, AZ
Jan. 15-16	Young Ag Couple's Conference - Helena
Jan. 18	MLK Day – Office Closed
Jan. 20-22	PNW Wheat Quality Meeting – Phoenix, AZ
Jan. 25	Regional Wheat Commission Meeting – Fargo, ND
Jan. 27-29	MABA/MGEA – Great Falls
Feb. 1-3	National Barley Growers Meeting – Washington DC
Feb. 3	Hard Spring Wheat Show – Williston, ND
Feb. 3-6	US Wheat Meeting – Washington DC
Feb. 15	President's Day – Office Closed
Feb. 15-17	US Grains Council Annual Meeting – Sarasota, FL
Feb. 16-18	Wheat Quality Annual Meeting – Kansas City, MO
Feb. 23-23	MSU – Varietal Release and MAES Meeting - Bozeman
Feb. 23-25	MRRIC – Kansas City, MO
Mar. 3-5	Commodity Classic – New Orleans, LA
Mar. 6-9	National Barley Improvement Committee – Washington DC
Mar. 13-15	National Pasta Association – Naples, FL
Mar. 17-18	Wheat Marketing Center Board Meeting – Portland, OR
Mar. 29-Apr. 1	Producer Tour – Portland
Apr. 9-15	USWA 60 th Anniversary event – Japan & Taiwan

Board Assignments

The board went over the assignments and reviewed the change for the MSU positions. Director Myllymaki will serve as the MAES Advisory Council and Varietal Release

Committee representative for the committee and Director Hinebauch will be the alternate.

Great Falls Development presentation

There was a short presentation about the Great Falls Development and some of their plans for the Great Falls area involving agriculture.

Phil Bruckner

Phil talked about his breeding program and some of his successes and challenges.

Jamie Sherman

Jamie updated the board on her program and her new barley quality lab she is putting together.

Budgeting

Program Manager Report

Cassidy Marn talked about her trip to Mexico for the Tri National Accord conference. She found it very informative and had some good discussions on Montana trade between both Canada and Mexico.

Budgeting

Chairman Schock adjourned the meeting at 6:00 pm.

Tuesday, January 12, 2016

Chairman Schock called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m. He called for public comment and heard none.

Luther Talbert

Luther talked about his breeding program.

David Weaver

David discussed his work with Wheat Stem Sawfly and the progress he is making.

Budgeting

Started going over the research proposals and called Roberts Stougaard and Jessica Torrior for more information about their projects.

Dr. Boyer offered to check into the scholarships the committee sponsors and provide more information at the next board meeting.

Director Mattelin made a motion to approve a budget of \$2,546,264 and Director Kolstad seconded it. The motion passed unanimously.

New Business

The dates were set for the next board meetings March 24th in Great Falls and June 28th in conjunction with the Huntley Research Station field days.

Chairman Schock requested that the directors put two days on their expense reports to cover the reading of the proposals.

Chairman Schock called for public comment and heard none.

Chairman Schock adjourned the meeting at 5:00 p.m.

Collin Watters, Executive Vice President

Date