

MONTANA WHEAT AND BARLEY COMMITTEE

Interim Board Meeting
Lewis & Clark Room, Heritage Inn
Great Falls, Montana
December 2, 2014

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

DIRECTORS

Randy Hinebauch, Chairman

Bruce Myllymaki

Leonard Schock

Not Present: Tom Siderius, Vice President

Chris Kolstad

Frank Schoonover

Excused Absence: Milo Mattelin

EX-OFFICIOS

Ron de Yong, Director, Montana Department of Agriculture

Not Present: Byron Grassman, Manager, Mountain View Coop

Not Present: Dr. Glenn Duff, Interim Dean, MSU College of Agriculture

STAFF

Collin Watters, Executive Vice President

Steve Becker, Outreach Coordinator

Tammy Suek, Administrative Assistant

GUESTS

Joel Clairmont, Deputy Director, Department of Agriculture

Cort Jensen, Chief Staff Attorney, Department of Agriculture

Ben Tiller, Staff Attorney, Department of Agriculture

Jayson O'Neill, Information Specialist, Department of Agriculture

Kim Falcon, Bureau Chief, Rural Development, Department of Agriculture

Eric Sommer, Director, USDA-NASS

Lola Raska, Executive Vice President, Montana Grain Growers Association

Matt Flikkema, Past President, Montana Grain Growers Association

Charlie Bumgarner, President, Montana Grain Growers Association

Dale Schuler - President, Montana Grains Foundation

Lori Cox, Director of Business Development, MSU Alumni Foundation

Lochiel Edwards, Chairman, Prairie Marketing Group

Mitch Konen, Producer

Bing Von Bergen, Past President, NWGA

Mark Black, Malteurop

Chris Christiaens, Project Specialist, Montana Farmers Union

Maia Ageson, Agriculture Liaison, Senator Tester's Office

Aeric Reilly, Producer

*Chairman Hinebauch called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. After introduction of board members and guests, **Chairman Hinebauch called for public comment and heard none.***

Director Myllymaki made the motion to adopt the tentative agenda with the addition of an Executive Session at the end of the regular meeting and Director Schoonover seconded it. The agenda passed unanimously.

Review of October 6, 2014 Meeting Minutes

Chairman Hinebauch presented the minutes of the last meeting and asked for any changes or corrections, none were made.

Director Schoonover moved and Director Myllymaki seconded the motion to approve the minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

Department of Agriculture Update

Director de Yong made a call to the governor's office to see about the new board member appointment and learned that they are working on it and we will be finding out shortly.

Director de Yong will be attending the Hail board meeting, Rail Service Competition meeting on December 11th and there will be an Agriculture Luncheon on January 7th.

The committee was asked if they would like to do a full page ad instead of a ½ page ad the difference was \$1,500. Director Schoonover was interviewed and there will be an article about malt barley.

Director Schock moved to increase the MT Wheat & Barley ad to a full page and Director Schoonover seconded it. The motion passed unanimously.

Overview of Rules

Cort Jensen went over some of the rules that will be updated to reflect our use of electronics and adding the committee's rule to not pay indirects to grantees. He also explained that commenting on rules is not lobbying. Cort will provide draft changes to the committee before its next meeting.

North Asian Buyer Conference

Chairman Hinebauch, Director Kolstad and Executive Vice President Watters attend the conference; it was attended by at least 100 participants. They were looking for quality and reliability when it came to wheat; there was some talk of contracting acres. This conference is every other year and has good interaction with foreign buyers.

U.S. Wheat Associates (USWA)

Directors Schock and Kolstad and Executive Vice President Watters attended the meeting in New Mexico. There was a resolution brought up to have U.S. Wheat help with port disputes.

Director Schock talked to the board about the U.S. Country of Origin Labeling (COOL) and how it could be used to help with the free trade agreements. A national wheat check-off was also brought up at the meeting. The dues for U.S. Wheat will be increased this year.

Farmers Union Convention

Chris Christiaens was asked about the convention, he thought it was well attended. He will be sending a listing of new resolutions that the national organization has decided on. Chris feels that water issues will be very important in the future.

Association of Latin American Millers (ALIM)

Director Schock attended the conference for the third year, this year it was organized differently with some of the technical workshops done off-site.

Executive Vice President Report

Executive Vice President Watters attended the U.S. Wheat meeting and sat in on the Communication committee meeting. He attended the Wheat Innovation Alliance meeting in St. Louis where the focus was on the GMO events. Collin went to the BNSF Reception that took place at the Farm Bureau Convention, in Billings.

Director Hinebauch and Collin attended the Harvest Montana Conference that was partially funded with MWBC money. It was not very well attended and most of the participants were also speakers.

Collin talked to the committee about succession on major boards. He talked about cross-training directors to serve where they are needed. Strategic planning for the board would also be a good idea to help with thinking ahead, may have to be a 2 day meeting separate from any board meeting.

Collin asked the board about their thoughts on Joyce Eckoff retiring and what direction they would like the durum wheat program to go.

Wheat Marketing Center

Director Myllymaki attended the board meeting for Wheat Marketing Center, there was a presentation from a cookie and cracker consultant and they did some succession planning.

Barley Breeder Update

Director Myllymaki indicated there is no formal announcement from MSU.

Celebrate Ag

Director Kolstad and Steve Becker attended the MSU ag day, there were no booths this year, just speakers and open house type tours. Steve did not think it was well attended because of the lack of booths.

Endowed Chair Update

Lori Cox let the board know that the endowed chair fund is on track and a hiring committee has begun looking for candidates and hope to have someone in place by summer. They are now looking for corporate donors.

Malt Barley

Mark Black from Malteurop spoke to the board about some of the things taking place in the barley industry. He said traceability has become an issue, being able to trace the origin from seed to brewer. Malteurop has a barley breeder in New Zealand.

Approval of Out of State Travel

Executive Vice President Watters presented the upcoming travel to the board. The board asked Director Schoonover to attend the Wheat Quality meeting in Kansas City and he agreed to attend on behalf of the Montana Wheat & Barley Committee.

Director Schock moved to accept the new travel schedule and Director Schoonover seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Upcoming Events

Dec. 2-4	Montana Grain Growers Convention – Great Falls
Dec. 10-13	Producer's Portland Tour – Portland
Dec. 25	Christmas Day – Office Closed
Jan. 1	New Year's Day – Office Closed
Jan. 5	MT/ND Barley Meeting – Billings
Jan. 6-7	MT Barley/Beet Symposium – Billings
Jan. 11	TCAP Meeting – San Diego, CA
Jan. 11-12	National Barley Improvement Committee – San Diego, CA
Jan. 12-16	KS Introduction to Flour Milling – Manhattan, KS
Jan. 13-14	Wheat Foods Council Board Meeting – Phoenix
Jan. 15-25	US Wheat Board Trip – Taiwan & Philippines
Jan. 19	Martin Luther King, Jr Day – Office Closed
Jan. 21-24	Young Ag Couples - Helena
Jan. 21-23	PNW Wheat Quality Meeting – San Francisco, CA
Jan. 29-31	MABA/MGEA Convention – Great Falls
Jan. 29-Feb. 2	U.S. Wheat Winter Meeting – Washington, DC
Feb. 3	Wheat Show – Williston, ND
Feb. 9-11	U.S. Grains Council 12 th International Marketing Conference – Costa Rica
Feb. 11-13	Western Barley Growers – Calgary, Canada
Feb. 16	President's Day – Office Closed
Feb. 17	Variety Release Meeting – Bozeman
Feb. 17-19	Wheat Quality Council Meeting – Kansas City, MO
Feb. 18-19	MWBC Board Meeting - Bozeman
Feb. 24-26	Missouri River Recovery and Improvement Committee – Kansas City, MO
Feb. 25-28	Commodity Classic – Phoenix, AZ
Feb. ?	Canadian Variety Release Meeting
Mar. 8-10	National Pasta Association – Litchfield Park, AZ
Mar. 11-13	World Barley, Malt & Beer Conference – Dublin, Ireland
Mar. 19-20	WMC Board Meeting – Portland, OR
Apr. 18-26	USWA Breeders Team – Korea
May 25	Memorial Day – Office Closed
July 3	Independence Day – Office Closed
July 12-15	USWA Board Meeting – San Diego, CA
July 27-29	U.S. Grains Council 55 th Annual Meeting – Denver. CO

New Business

The MWBC Research Review Board Meeting in Bozeman will be held on February 18-19, 2015.

The MWBC Budget Board Meeting will be held in Great Falls on March 31 – April 1, 2015.

Public Comment

Chairman Hinebauch called for public comment:

Cort Jensen – PNWER Conference will be held in Big Sky on July 12-16 with one day dedicated to agriculture.

Lola Raska – Invited everyone to lunch at the convention.

Eric Sommer – New ag bulletins are out.

Executive Session

Chairman Hinebauch closed the meeting at 12:00 p.m. for an executive session where the board discussed pay adjustments for employees.

After the executive session, Chairman Hinebauch reopened the meeting.

Director Schock moved to increase Executive Vice President Watters pay be 5% to be consistent with the state employee pay adjustments that took place November 15, 2014. Director Schoonover seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Adjournment

Chairman Hinebauch adjourned the meeting at 12:30 pm.

Collin Watters, Executive Vice President

Date