

MONTANA WHEAT AND BARLEY COMMITTEE

**Fall Board Meeting
Columbus Center
Great Falls, Montana
September 15, 2016**

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

DIRECTORS

Leonard Schock, Chairman
Mike O'Hara, Vice Chairman
Denise Conover, Director
Chris Kolstad, Director

Buzz Mattelin, Director
Bruce Myllymaki, Director
Randy Hinebauch, Director

EX-OFFICIOS

Not Present: 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
Kolleen Spurgin, Budget and Grants Coordinator
Tammy Suek, Administrative Assistant
Lauren Boettcher, Intern

GUESTS

Cort Jensen, Staff Attorney, Department of Agriculture
Kim Mangold, Deputy Director, Department of Agriculture
Maia LaSalle, Ag Ombudsman, BNSF Railway
Janice Cooper, Executive Director, Wheat Marketing Center
Lola Raska, Executive Director, Montana Grain Growers
Chuck Merja, Producer
Libbi Lovshin, CSD Administrator, Department of Agriculture

Thursday, September 15, 2016:

Chairman Schock called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.
Chairman Schock asked for public comment and heard none.

Introductions were made and Chairman Schock asked for changes to the tentative agenda.

Director Myllymaki moved and Director O'Hara seconded the motion to approve the tentative agenda with changes. The motion passed unanimously.

Review of June 27, 2016 Meeting Minutes

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

Director Mattelin moved and Director Kolstad seconded the motion to approve the minutes with changes. The motion passed unanimously.

Financial Review

Kolleen Spurgin presented the end of the fiscal year financials.

Director Mattelin moved and Director Myllymaki seconded the motion to approve the financials as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

Montana Department of Agriculture

Kim Mangold reported to the board on the decrease in funding due to the drop in coal shipments, this effected Lori Brenneman's job with the department. She has moved to Idaho, but is working part time with her Ag Literacy program with the department.

The hail program has had a rough year with a 130% loss. Funding is being cut for the Agricultural Food Development Centers and they will start looking for additional funding from other sources. The Foreign Agriculture Service Attaches will be coming to town on September 16th for tour and dinner.

Greg Stordahl from the State Grain Lab talked about the reasons for the 2 week delay in the sampling of grain, they are in the process of training two more certified grain inspectors.

Fiscal Year and the Legislature

Executive Vice President Watters said the conversion to a calendar year budget is on track and should be complete by January of 2017. The Department of Agriculture submitted the request for one-time-only increase in spending authority funding to the Legislature for approval.

Transportation Report

Cort Jensen gave the board an update on some of the transportation issues that he is dealing with, including the changes being made at the STB. The STB wants to change their comparison testing and how it is done. He would also like the Attorney General to bring forth remedies on behalf of the state. Cort will email a memo to the transportation committee with points in the next couple weeks.

District Reports

Chairman Schock asked the directors for reports on production and yields in their districts. Most reported that winter wheat, barley and pulses were good crops, spring wheat was poor or hailed out.

MSU Update

Dr. Boyer updated the board on events taking place at the university, in November they will be having a summit for the ag stations for planning for the upcoming year, this will be just before Celebrate Ag Weekend.

Enrollment is up at the college and the Tech Transfer office has sold a variety of grain to Wyoming, a first test of the new system.

U.S. Wheat Associates

Director Kolstad attended the meeting in Fargo and was installed as the Secretary/Treasurer on his way to the Chairman position in a few years. Right now they are working on an updated strategic plan.

U.S Grains Council

Director Mattelin attended the meeting in Louisville, KY; he was selected to go on a Barley Mission to Colombia the first part of October, paid for by USGC. The topic of barley coming from Europe to Mexico was discussed. The Mexican Craft Brewer's Conference is set for November 3-5 in Mexico City.

Missouri River Recovery Improvement Committee

Director Mattelin attended his last meeting with this organization in Omaha. The work of the committee has gone in different directions and his input is not needed.

Field to Market Meeting

Director Mattelin attended the meeting in Washington DC; they are working on the metrics for a sustainability calculator. The next meeting will be in Atlanta.

MSU Endowed Chair Advisory Committee

Director Mattelin met with the committee and talked with Dr. Budak about the work he will be doing, he wanted recommendations on the varieties that he should run sequencing on. The board decided on Vida, Yellowstone and Warhorse as possibilities.

Wheat Marketing Center

Executive Director Cooper from the Wheat Marketing Center gave an update on what were some of the activities at the center and some upcoming events. There will be some updating going on at the center to keep it current and relevant to the times.

Program Manager Report

Cassidy Marn talked to the board about the trade teams this year and the AB Field day she attended.

Executive Vice President's Update

EVP Watters attended the Legislative tour in Kalispell with MGGA, he expressed that it had value and maybe it could be expanded in the future. He attended a round table meeting in Canada with Deputy Director Mangold, where they met with officials from the Canadian government.

EVP Watters also attended the World Brewing Conference in Denver with Cassidy, they presented a poster regarding sustainability and it generated a lot of interest.

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

Oct. 2-5	USGC Colombia Trade Mission
Oct. 2-3	Nisshan Trade Team – Great Falls
Oct. 9-12	North Asian Buyers Conference - Guam
Oct. 10	Columbus Day – Office Closed
Oct. 20-21	Wheat Marketing Center Board Meeting – Portland, OR
Oct. 21-22	MT Farmer's Union Convention – Great Falls
Oct. 26-28	Tri-Accord – Niagara Falls
Oct. 27	Showa/Sangyo Trade Team – Great Falls
Oct. 28	MWBC Grant Due
Nov. 2-5	USWA Board Meeting – Denver, CO
Nov. 4-6	Mexican Craft Brewers Convention – Mexico City
Nov. 5-15	USWA Crop Quality Tour - Asia
Nov. 8	Election Day – Office Closed
Nov. 11	Veteran's Day – Office Closed
Nov. 11-12	Celebrate Ag – Bozeman
Nov. 13-16	ALIM – Puerto Rico
Nov. 14-15	International Durum Forum – Minot, ND
Nov. 15-17	Sustainable Ag Summit – Atlanta, GA
Nov. 21-22	NCI Board Meeting – Brookings, SD
Nov. 24	Thanksgiving Day – Office Closed
Nov. 28-29	MWBC Budget Board Meeting – Great Falls
Nov. 29-Dec. 1	Montana Grain Growers Convention – Great Falls
Dec. 6-7	Montana Seed Association - Bozeman
Dec. 6-9	Producer Tour – Portland, OR
Dec. 26	Christmas – Office Closed
Jan. 1	New Year's Day – Office Closed
Jan. 10	MT/WY Barley/Sugar Beet Symposium - Billings
Jan. 12	Wheat Foods Council Meeting – Scottsdale, AZ
Jan. 12-13	Barley Improvement Conference – San Diego, CA
Jan. ?	USWA Search Committee Meeting – Washington DC
Jan. 16	MLK Day – Office Closed
Jan. 25-27	PNW Wheat Quality Council Meeting – San Antonio, TX
Jan. 30-31	National Barley Growers Board Meeting – Washington DC
Jan. 30-Feb. 2	USWA Winter Board Meeting – Washington DC
Feb. 12-19	USWA South Asia Board Trip
Feb. 13-15	USGC Board Meeting – Panama City, Panama
Feb. 20	Presidents' Day – Office Closed
Apr. 19-20	State Executive Meeting – Denver, CO
May 20-?	USWA World Staff Meeting - Colorado
May 29	Memorial Day – Office Closed

Jun. 25-28	Canadian Barley Symposium – Winnipeg, Manitoba
Jul. 4	Independence Day – Office Closed
Jul. 7-12	USWA Summer Board Meeting – Annapolis, MD
Jul. 31-Aug. 2	USGC Summer Board Meeting – Vancouver, WA

Election of Officers

Director Kolstad nominated Director O'Hara as Chairman and Director Conover as Vice Chairman and Director Hinebauch seconded the nominations. The vote passed unanimously.

Web Grants Review

Tammy Suek briefly went over the procedures for reviewing the applications for grants in November.

New Business

The committee will keep looking for speakers for the Montana Grain Growers Convention in December.

Our next board meeting will take place November 28 & 29, 2016 and will be the Committee's budget meeting.

Chairman Schock called for public comment and heard none.

Chairman Schock adjourned the meeting at 4:20 p.m.

Collin Watters, Executive Vice President

Date