

Montana Wheat and Barley Committee

Fall Board Meeting

Springhill Suites

Great Falls, MT

October 8, 2019

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

DIRECTORS

Charlie Bumgarner, Chairman

Denise Conover, Director

Adam Carney, Director

Al Klempel, Vice Chairman

Llew Jones, Director

Max Cederberg, Director

STAFF

Cassidy Marn, Interim Executive Vice President

Sam Anderson, Industry Analyst & Outreach Coordinator

Kolleen Spurgin, Grant and Budget Coordinator

Tammy Suek, Administrative Assistant

GUESTS

Frank Schoonover, Producer

Lola Raska, Executive Director, Montana Grain Growers Association

Mitch Konen, Treasurer, Montana Grain Growers Association

Kim Mangold, Deputy Director - Montana Department of Agriculture

Jessie Anderson, Senator Tester's Office

Lochy Edwards, MT Grains Foundation

Darrin Boss, MSU

Zach Coccoli, Staff Attorney, Department of Agriculture

Kari Evans, Director, US Durum Growers

Randy Hinebauch, Producer

Tuesday, October 8, 2019

Chairman Bumgarner called the meeting to order at 1:00 pm.

Director Carney moved to accept the agenda and Director Conover seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Introductions were made with crop update for each area. Former Director Schoonover informed the committee of some issues with the State Grain Lab. Public comment was asked. None was heard.

Chairman Bumgarner presented the minutes of the June 10, 2019 Board Meeting and August 19, 2019 conference call.

Director Conover moved, and Director Carney seconded the motion to approve the minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

Financial Update

Ms. Marn went over the financial report and answered any question. She explained that the barley is now at 13% of our total budget, it had been higher the last few years because we helped with the barley lab in Bozeman. We seem to be more on target this year.

MT Department of Agriculture

Deputy Director Mangold gave an update on some of the changes at the department and her upcoming retirement. The newest advisory committee is the Oil seeds, their first meeting will take place on December 3, 2019.

There was a discussion on what more we can do to prevent Buckwheat from contaminating our wheat shipments to Asia.

Barley Assessment & Rail Report

Mr. Coccoli explained the process to increase the barley assessment if the directors decided they needed to, from start to finish it is about a six-month process.

Zach updated the committee on his activities working on rail issues.

MSU Update

Darrin Boss represented MSU and spoke about the precision ag program and the endowed chair search, both are on-going.

Wheat Foods Council

Director Conover attended the meeting in Minneapolis, Gwen Veum has retired, and Director O'Connor's wife Anne has taken over her duties. The programs seem to be progressing as scheduled.

U.S. Durum Growers Presentation

Board President Blake Inman and Board member Kari Evans spoke to the committee about a possible collaboration between the two organizations. The durum acres are moving west, and they would like more Montana representation on their board. Tammy was asked to figure out the Durum assessment.

Industry Analyst & Outreach Coordinator Update

Sam Anderson gave his report on his activities since the last meeting. He attended the Beer Now convention, great networking opportunity. He went to most of the field days, he was disappointed that more farmers were not there.

Sam went on the Wheat Quality Tour in North Dakota, it was a long time in a van, but a good experience. He also went to the Craft Brewers Convention in Missoula with Dave Tweet. He went with Deputy Director Mangold to Portland to visit the port, Wheat Marketing Center and U.S. Wheat.

Interim Executive Vice President's

Cassidy Marn talked about the trade teams, it has been a long season with three more left. She attended the USWA World Staff meeting in Barcelona, Spain, met with new and existing staff, and sat on a panel for Wheat Quality Competences.

Approval of out-of-state Director & staff travel

Director Conover moved, and Director Carney seconded the motion to approve the travel with additions. The motion passed unanimously.

Upcoming Events

Oct. 1-14	MWBC Sponsorship Application Open
Oct. 1-25	MWBC Grant Cycle for FY20
Oct. 14	Columbus Day – Office Closed
Oct. 14-16	CCM Trade Team – Bozeman
Oct. 25-27	USGC/Mexican Trade Show – Mexico
Oct. 25-26	MT Farmers Union Convention – Great Falls
Oct. 28	Nippon Trade Team – Great Falls
Oct. 30-31	Wheat Marketing Center Board Meeting – Portland, OR
Oct. 30	Showa/Sango Trade Team – Great Falls
Nov. 1-2	MSU Ag Weekend - Bozeman
Nov. 3-8	USWA Fall Board Meeting – Santa Fe, NM
Nov. 9-20	USWA North Asia Crop Quality
Nov. 11	Veteran's Day – Office Closed
Nov. 11-12	Crop Outlook & International Durum – Minot, ND
Nov. 12-27	USWA Food Aid - Africa
Nov. 18-19	Japan Buyer's Conference
Nov. 28	Thanksgiving Day – Office Closed
Dec. 2-3	MWBC Board Meeting – Great Falls
Dec. 3-6	MGGA Convention – Great Falls
Dec. 5-7	MT Organic Association Convention - Bozeman
Dec. 25	Christmas Day – Office Closed
Jan. 6-10	IAOM – KSU Introduction to Flour Milling - Manhattan, KS
Jan. 13-18	USWA Board Meeting – Washington DC
Jan. 15-18	Young Ag Couples – Helena
Jan. 22-24	MABA/MGEA Convention – Great Falls
Jan. 28-31	Wheat Foods Council – Atlanta, GA
Jan. 28-30	PNW Wheat Quality – Spokane, WA
Feb. 3-6	National Barley Growers – Washington, DC
Feb. 10-12	Producer Tour – Portland, OR

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Feb. 12-14	USGC Board Meeting – Tampa, FL
Feb. 14-15	GATE - Glendive
Feb. 17-19	Wheat Quality Council – Kansas City, MO
Feb. 24-25	Canadian Barley Symposium – Winnipeg, Canada
Jan/Feb	IAOM – KSU Flour Milling for State Wheat Commissioners & Staff – Manhattan, KS
Mar. 14-22	Wheat Quality Improvement (Breeder's Team) - Asia

New Business

Deanna Nash requested \$10,000 for a new piece of equipment.

Director Carney moved, and Director Jones seconded a motion to give \$10,000 to the Cereal Quality lab for new equipment. The motion passed unanimously.

Web Grants Review

Tammy Suek gave a refresher course on Web Grants.

Grant Proposal Evaluation

Sam Anderson explained the new evaluation process for applications.

Call for Public Comment – none

Chairman Bumgarner adjourned the meeting at 4:14 p.m.

Cassidy Marn, Executive Vice President

Date