

# **MONTANA WHEAT AND BARLEY COMMITTEE**

**Spring Board Meeting  
Columbus Center  
Great Falls, Montana  
March 24, 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  
Not Present: Denise Conover, Director

## **EX-OFFICIOS**

Not Present: Ron de Yong, Director, Montana Department of Agriculture  
Not Present: 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**

Ben Tiller, Staff Attorney, Department of Agriculture  
Kim Falcon, Deputy Director, Department of Agriculture  
Lola Raska, Executive Vice President, Montana Grain Growers Association  
Dan Kidd, Director, National Barley Growers Association  
Lochiel Edwards, Director, Montana Grains Foundation  
Chris Christiaens, Program Specialist, Montana Farmers Union  
Charlie Bumgarner, Past President, Montana Grain Growers Association  
Frank Schoonover, Producer

## **Thursday, March 24, 2016:**

*Chairman Schock called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.*

Chairman Schock asked the directors for a crop update for their areas. Then asked for public comment and heard none.

## **Review of January 11-12, 2016 Meeting Minutes**

Executive Vice President Collin Watters presented the minutes of the January Budget 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 February 2016 financial statement with the board and answered any questions they had. Chairman Schock would like the Canadian income totals.

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

### **Montana Department of Agriculture**

Kim Falcon presented the update for the department; she let the committee know that Director de Yong would be traveling to Vietnam, Japan and Taiwan in April. Jeff Rumney is no longer working at the State Grain Lab; the search has begun for a new Bureau Chief. Meanwhile Kim will be acting Bureau Chief.

Cort Jensen is working on the language for the Food Modernization Act and will be working with the Department for Commerce on grants.

### **Endowed Chair Advisory Committee**

Director Mattelin attended the first meeting with Dr. Budak, his lab should be up and running by April. They discussed priorities for the position, the first being Wheat Stem Sawfly and the second being drought tolerance and the third is micronutrients.

Lochiel Edwards thanked the committee for the funding and let them know that corporate requests are slow to come in.

### **U.S. Wheat Associates Regional Meeting**

Director Kolstad and Chairman Schock attended the meeting in Fargo; they brought back a new brochure for preferred varieties for producers that North Dakota has produced.

The Wheat Quality Council and Plains Grains will become one organization when Ben Hancock retires this year. It was recommended that a letter of support for Northern Crops Institute be sent to NDSU for continued support.

### **U.S. Wheat Associates Meeting**

Chairman Schock, Director Kolstad and Executive Vice President Watters attend the U.S. Wheat Meeting in Washington DC. Director Kolstad was elected secretary/treasurer of the organization and will now be in line for Chairman of USWA.

The Buckwheat issue was discussed and there appears to be little support for a national wheat check-off from any of the states. The group met with Congressional leaders from the state. The farm bill and TTP trade agreements were also discussed.

Montana will be hosting at least two trade teams sponsored by USWA from Colombia and Korea.

### **Wheat Quality Meeting**

Director Hinebauch, EVP Watters and Cassidy Marn attend the meeting in Kansas City; they will be changing the check from Glen to a Minnesota variety Bolles. They discussed the merging of Wheat Quality and Plains Grains. Montana's entries of spring wheat suffered growout problems and did not perform well.

### **Varietal Release Meeting**

Director Myllymaki reported on the meeting held in Bozeman where they discussed the release of three varieties. Later he, Chairman Schock and EVP Watters had dinner with Dr. Budak.

Dr. Giroux was award a grant to open a Durum wheat lab to continue the Durum program at MSU.

### **Transportation Presentation**

Ben Tiller gave the presentation that he presented at the Rail Service Meeting. He also demonstrated the Rail Rate Checker for the committee.

### **Transportation Sub-committee updates**

- Rail Service Coalition Meeting was attended by Director O'Hara, the next one will happen June 9<sup>th</sup> in Helena.
- EVP Watters attended the STB meetings in Washington DC.
- The Transportation Sub-committee meeting took place March 10<sup>th</sup> that included asking Ben Tiller for a revision of the application he submitted for funding, the amount will stay the same.

Director Hinebauch moved and Director Myllymaki seconded the approval of the minutes for the Transportation Sub-committee meeting and Ben Tiller's revised application. The motion passed unanimously.

- Director O'Hara and Hinebauch attended the Rail Coalition meeting hosted by TTMS.

### **Lunch**

### **Barley Sub-committee updates**

- National Barley Growers Association meeting was attended by Directors Mattelin, Kolstad and EVP Watters. Director Mattelin has replaced Dave Henderson on the board. There were discussions on sustainability and Field to Market Program.
- Director Mattelin attended the National Barley Improvement Committee meeting in Washington DC, where he conducted hill visits. The ARS funding is back to normal. He visited the ARS office in Maryland to discuss the closing of the insect lab in Sidney, MT.
- The U.S. Grains Council meeting was held in Florida and Directors Mattelin and O'Hara attended. They heard the Argentina perspective, sat in the Barley sector meeting; Director Mattelin said it had started with feed barley now it is switching

to malt. The A-Team is in need of volunteers; Director Mattelin has put his application in.

- A decision was made to invite Constellation to Montana for a crop tour this summer. Cassidy Marn attended the USGC/Canadian meeting in Lethbridge to talk about the issues on shipping barley from the U.S. to Canada.

### **National Pasta Association Meeting**

Director Mattelin attended this meeting in Florida; it had a GMO focus this year. The Pasta Fits program is a good value in the director's opinion.

He also attended the Missouri River Recovery Improvement Committee where most of the talk was about the Yellowstone intake.

### **Wheat Marketing Center Board Meeting**

Director Myllymaki was in Portland for the board meeting; they saw the 2 new cooling towers and were introduced to the two visiting scholars.

### **Program Manager Report**

Cassidy Marn gave a presentation to the REAL MT group when they visited Great Falls, it was a good group with lots of questions about the committee.

### **Outreach Coordinator Report**

Steve Becker talked to the Montana Association of Counties and Young Ag Couples about the committee. There were 33 couples attending the Young Ag Couples and he got a few names for the Producer Tour.

### **Executive Vice President's Update**

Executive Vice President Watters attended the Wheat Foods Council meeting in Arizona with Director Conover; they are refocusing and have new projects in the works. They also attended the PNW Quality meeting where Montana submitted two varieties for testing.

He was asked to speak at the Montana Grain Elevators board meeting where he was thanked for the information on buckwheat and encouraged to bring more trade teams to Eastern Montana. He was also invited to the MSU Extension Agents meeting to speak.

Collin was involved in a conference call with the MSU Tech Transfer office where they were discussing the restructuring and policy and personnel issues.

The new website should be up and running by the end of March and the new intern starts on May 24<sup>th</sup>. He wanted to know if there is interest in a Barley 101 class at Northern Crops Institute. It was also suggested that the committee offer a Letter of Support to NCI to be given to NDSU.

Collin asked the directors if there were any of them interested in being on the board of the SCAB program; no one seemed interested. Dr. Boyer sent a list of scholarships that are currently being offered that the committee has funded.

### **Budget Revisions**

Executive Vice President Watters gave an update on how the budget is shaping up and any changes that had to be made. It was mentioned that Dave Wichman will be retiring from the Moccasin Research Station this summer and the committee will need to get him a gift for his years of service.

Director Myllymaki moved to accept the new budget totals (\$4,552,521 for FY16 and \$2,571,120 for CY16) and Director Hinebauch seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

### **Approval of Staff and Director Travel**

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

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

### **Upcoming Events**

Mar. 16	Experiment Station Meeting – Williston, ND
Mar. 29-Apr. 1	Producer Tour – Portland
Apr. 5	PGI Board Meeting – Lincoln, NE
Apr. 9-15	USWA 60 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary event – Japan & Taiwan
Apr. 11-13	Canadian Global Crops Symposium – Winnipeg, Canada
May 11-12	State Administrators Meeting – Denver, CO
May 30	Memorial Day – Office Closed
Jun. 1-3	Missouri River Recovery Improvement Committee - ?
Jun. 13-15	NBGA Meeting – Golden, CO
Jun. 21-22	Wheat Foods Council – Denver, CO
Jun. 21	Field Day – Moccasin
Jun. 21-23	Latin America Buyers Conference – Portland, OR
Jun. 22	Field Day – Havre
Jun. 23	Field Day – Conrad
Jun. 26-30	International Barley Genetics Symposium – Minneapolis, MN
Jun. 28	Field Day – Huntley
Jun. 28	MWBC Board Meeting – Huntley
Jun. 30	Field Day - Sidney
Jul. 4	Independence Day – Office Closed
Jul. 8	MGGA Legislator Tour - Kalispell
Jul. 17-21	USWA Meeting – Fargo, ND
Jul. 25-27	USGC Board Meeting – Louisville, KY
Jul. 28	Field Day – Corvallis
Aug. 13-17	World Brewers Congress – Denver, CO
Sep. 5	Labor Day – Office Closed
Sep. 6-8	Tri-Accord - Ottawa
Oct. 9-15	North Asian Buyers Conference - Guam
Oct. 10	Columbus Day – Office Closed
Oct. 24-27	Export Exchange – Detroit, MI

Oct. 22-23	MT Farmer's Union Convention – Great Falls
Nov. 2-5	USWA Board Meeting – Denver, CO
Nov. 8	Election Day – Office Closed
Nov. 11	Veteran's Day – Office Closed
Nov. 11-12	Celebrate Ag - Bozeman
Nov. 14-15	International Durum Forum – Minot, ND
Nov. 24	Thanksgiving Day – Office Closed
Nov. 29-Dec. 1	Montana Grain Growers Convention – Great Falls
Nov. 29	MWBC Interim Board Meeting – Great Falls
Dec. 26	Christmas – Office Closed

### **New Business**

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

*Chairman Schock called for public comment and heard none.*

*Chairman Schock adjourned the meeting at 3:30 p.m.*

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Collin Watters, Executive Vice President

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