

# **MONTANA WHEAT AND BARLEY COMMITTEE**

## **Summer Board Meeting**

### **Zoom Meeting**

**Great Falls, Montana**

**June 24, 2020**

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

### **DIRECTORS**

Charlie Bumgarner, Chairman

Alan Klempel, Vice Chairman

Llew Jones, Director

Max Cederberg, Director

Denise Conover, Director

Mike O'Hara, Director

### **STAFF**

Cassidy Marn, Executive Vice President

Sam Anderson, Industry Analyst & Outreach Coordinator

Kolleen Spurgin, Budget & Grants Coordinator

Tammy Suek, Administrative Assistant

### **GUESTS**

Lola Raska, Executive Vice President, MT Grain Gowers

### **Wednesday, June 24, 2020**

*Chairman Bumgarner called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.*

Director Jones moved, and Director O'Hara seconded the motion to approve the tentative agenda. The motion passed unanimously.

### **Review of February 27-28, 2020 Meeting Minutes**

Chairman Bumgarner presented the minutes of the Budget Board Meeting.

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

### **Crop Update**

Director Jones – Crops were late getting in the ground but looks good, had some hail up north.

Director Conover – Good crop had good rain but getting grasshoppers.

Director Cederberg – Crops look good – lots of grain moving.

Director O'Hara – Good Crop, lots of water.

Chairman Bumgarner – 7" of rain since June 1<sup>st</sup>.

### **Special Guest: Mike Miller – Washington Genetics**

Washington Genetics takes care of all WA new wheat seed releases, all are public releases. They work with the University and seed dealers.

### **Montana State University Update**

Dr. Bajwa explained that the University was able to stay open for research purposes and working on a cure for Covid-19. The field days will be virtual this year, there is a

hiring freeze on for now. When the legislative session resumes MSU will be asking for a capital campaign for the Research Stations.

### **Department of Agriculture**

Director Thomas went over some of the Cares Act funding for agriculture. Most of the staff is working from home and taking turns in the office.

### **National Barley Improvement Committee**

Director O'Hara attended the National Barley Improvement Committee in Washington DC, they talked about the problems with funding barley and how barley is dependent on public funding.

### **Producer Tour**

Sam and Director Cederberg thought the trip went well and they all learned a lot.

### **Executive Vice President Update**

EVP Marn talked about the Constellation Trade Team that visited in March. It went great and we were able to set up meeting for them with different buyers, they were happy.

National Barley Growers put a letter together expressing concern that barley was not included in the Covid-19 relief package from the government.

### **Cort Jensen – Legal Counsel**

Cort gave a brief background on plant patent protection which is on a complaint basis. He also talked about Certified Seed Only (CSO).

### **Financial Update**

EVP Marn gave the financial update; it has been a good year so far. Sam Schmidt has agreed to serve as the Industry Representative for the Committee.

### **Doug Holen – Montana Foundation Seed Program**

Doug told the Board that the money they make from the foundation seed program gets reinvested back into the program.

### **Daniel Juliano – MSU Tech Transfer**

Daniel showed a slide show on how his office works. They do mostly public releases and some private releases. Private release fees will be increased in 2021.

### **Brad Erker – Colorado Wheat**

Brad explained how their breeding program is run in Colorado.

### **Keith Kennedy – Wyoming Wheat**

Keith talked about how they started their foundation in their state.

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

All travel has been suspended for now, most meeting have gone virtual.

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### **Upcoming Events**

Jul. 3	Independence Day – Office Closed
Jul 16	Wheat Foods Council Summer Meeting – Cincinnati, OH— Virtual
Jul. 13-18	US Wheat Summer Board Meeting – Cincinnati, OH— Virtual
Jul. 27-29	US Grains Council Board Meeting – Madison, WI—Virtual
<del>Jul. 29-31</del>	<del>Latin American Buyers Conference – Mexico—Postponed</del>
<del>Late July</del>	<del>North and South Asia Buyers Conference – Bali, Indonesia—Postponed</del>
Aug. 2-5	Crop Survey Trade Team – Great Falls— Virtual
Oct. 1-2	MT Brewers Conference - Missoula
Oct. 23-25	Cerveza Mexico—Mexico City
Nov. 1-5	US Wheat Fall Board Meeting – Chandler, AZ

### **New Business**

Next board meeting – October 14, 2020

*Chairman Bumgarner adjourned the meeting at 11:30 a.m.*

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Cassidy Marn, Executive Vice President

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