

**Montana Wheat and Barley Committee**  
**Summer Board Meeting**  
**Grouse Mountain Lodge**  
**Whitefish, MT**  
**June 10, 2019**

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

**DIRECTORS**

Denise Conover, Director  
Charlie Bumgarner, Director  
Mike O'Hara, Director

Al Klempel, Vice Chairman  
Randy Hinebauch, Chairman  
Chris Kolstad, Director

**EX-OFFICIOS**

Ben Thomas, Director of The Department of Agriculture

**STAFF**

Cassidy Marn, Program Manager  
Sam Anderson, Industry Analyst & Outreach Coordinator  
Kolleen Spurgin, Grant and Budget Coordinator  
Tammy Suek, Administrative Assistant

**GUESTS**

Leonard Schock, Producer  
Lola Raska, Executive Director, Montana Grain Growers Association  
Vince Mattson, Vice President, Montana Grain Growers Association  
Kim Mangold, Deputy Director - Montana Department of Agriculture

**Monday, June 10, 2019**

***Chairman Hinebauch*** called the meeting to order at 8:00 am. Introductions were made. Public comment was asked. None was heard.

Director Bumgarner moved to accept the agenda and Director O'Hara seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Chairman Hinebauch presented the minutes of the March 14, 2019 Board Meeting.

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

**Financial Update:**

Kolleen gave a financial review to the committee, she asked for ideas for future reports as far as presentation and information.

**MT Department of Agriculture**

Director Thomas updated the committee on hail insurance policies being down from last year. There have been a lot of personnel changes at the department in the last few months and positions that need to be filled before they advertise for a new bureau chief for the Wheat & Barley committee. In

the mean time Cassidy Marn will serve as the interim executive vice president. Hemp has continued to be the main topic around the department.

### **Office Space discussion**

Deputy Director Mangold and Lola Raska informed the board on how the new office space is progressing and where we are at in the timing of the move. We are still waiting for the state to crunch the numbers and approve the move.

### **Wheat Marketing Center Meeting**

Chairman Hinebauch and Director Bumgarner attended the meeting in Portland. They both talked about the building that WMC is located and that some of the building is up for sale and a homeless shelter will be opening across the street in the near future.

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

Director Klempel reported on his recent board trip with USWA to Europe. It was very educational, and the group was great. They visited mostly family owned businesses and farms. The relationships that USWA has with these countries is a great asset for farmers in the U.S.

Directors Kolstad and Conover attended the Mexico Wheat Trade Conference in Cancun, Mexico. It was buyer focused and a small group of maybe 100 guests. There was plenty of opportunity for conversations in smaller groups to reassure them of our commitment to a fair-trade deal.

### **Motions of support**

Director O'Hara moved, and Director Bumgarner seconded the motion to have the MWBC committee support out-going Director Kolstad by paying for expenses associated with being past chairman of USWA. The motion passed unanimously.

Director Conover moved, and Director O'Hara seconded the motion to have the MWBC committee support past Director Mattelin by paying for expenses associated with being chairman and past chairman of National Barley Growers. The motion passed unanimously.

### **Program Manager Update**

Cassidy Marn talked about upcoming trade teams and activities they might need help with from the Directors this summer.

### **Endowed Chair Discussion**

Lola Raska updated the board on the Endowed Chair status, she will serve on the search committee and hope to have a new chair in place by the fall semester. The foundation has raised close to the 5 million dollars they were aiming for.

She also let the Directors know that North Dakota has pulled its membership from the National Wheat Growers Association.

**Approval of out-of-state Director & staff travel**

**Upcoming Events**

Jun. 10-13	USWA Summer Meeting – Whitefish, MT
Jun. 17-18	National Barley Growers – Jackson Hole, WY
Jun. 25-27	Wheat Foods Council – Minneapolis, MN
Jun. 26	Highwood Bench Soil Acidity Field Day -
Jun. 27	Field Day - Havre
Jul. 1-12	MWBC Sponsorship Application Open
Jul. 4	Independence Day – Office Closed
Jul. 10	Field Day – Moccasin
Jul. 10	Zen-noh Trade Team – Great Falls
Jul. 11	MillerCoors Field Day – Power
Jul. 15-17	Mexican Craft Brewers Trade Team – Great Falls
Jul. 16	Busch Ag Field Day - Fairfield
Jul. 16	Field Day – Sidney
Jul. 17-19	MAES Advisory Summer Meeting – Kalispell
Jul. 18	Field Day – Creston
Jul. 22-25	Wheat Quality Hard Spring Wheat & Durum Tour – Fargo, ND
Jul. 23	Post Farm – Bozeman
Jul. 23-24	Malteurop Field Days – Great Falls
Jul. 25	Field Day - Corvallis
Jul. 29-31	USGC Summer Board Meeting – Cincinnati, OH
Aug. 12-16	Mexican Flour Millers Trade Team
Aug. 26-29	USWA World Staff Meeting – Barcelona, Spain
Sep. 2	Labor Day – Office Closed
Sep. 24-26	Japanese Millers Trade Team
Oct. 1-14	MWBC Sponsorship Application Open
Oct. 10	Nippon Trade Team – Great Falls
Oct. 14	Columbus Day – Office Closed
Oct. 24	Showa/Sango Trade Team – Great Falls
Oct. 25-27	USGC/Mexican Trade Show – Mexico
Nov. 1-2	MSU Ag Weekend - Bozeman
Nov. 3-8	USWA Fall Board Meeting – Santa Fe, NM
Nov. 11	Veteran's Day – Office Closed
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. 25	Christmas Day – Office Closed

**New Business**

The next board meeting will be held in Great Falls on October 8<sup>th</sup>.

New officers were appointed for the next year:

Chairman: Charlie Bumgarner

Director Conover moved and Director Klempel seconded that Director Bumgarner serve as Chairman for the next year. The motion passed unanimously.

Vice Chairman: Al Klempel

Director Conover moved and Director Kolstad seconded that Director Klempel serve as Vice Chairman for the next year. The motion passed unanimously.

New employee Sam Anderson was introduced and told the board about himself.

The staff and committee thanked Directors Kolstad and Hinebauch for their 9 years of service on the board.

Call for Public Comment – none

**Chairman Hinebauch adjourned the meeting at 9:30 a.m.**

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Cassidy Marn, Interim Executive Vice President

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