

Montana Organic Commodity Advisory Council Meeting Minutes

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December 5, 2019 4:30 p.m.

Bozeman-The Commons-Summit Room

MOCAC board members in attendance Par Carr, Matt Johnson, Ty O'Connor, Sam Schmidt, Lindsey Aull.
Absent Cathy Odden.

MTDA Staff in attendance: Ian Foley, Christy Clark, Georgana Webster, Ed Tyanich

Guests: Sarina O'Connor, Jess Alger, Mike O'Hara, Bob Quinn, Bob Herdegan

Meeting called to order by Georgana Webster

Introductions

Old Business: None

2018 meeting minutes were reviewed. Matt Johnson made the motion to accept, seconded by Jess Alger. Approved unanimously.

Georgana presented the program summary. Program efficiencies, accounting, E-Cert, FSA and Crop Insurance issues were discussed. The need to coordinate acreage reports with FSA reporting deadlines of 7/15 & 11/15.

Bob Quin asked why cleaned grain cannot be shipped to the Republic of Korea as a processed product and GW explained it has a lot to do with seed integrity of that country.

Quin also requested that Commodity be removed from the MOCAC advisory board name as he believe organic producers raise food not commodities.

GW provided a review of the program budget, discussed the focus of the 2020 internal audit to be on accounting.

GW then provided a brief NOP update on the Livestock Rule and the NOP's efforts toward integrity and fraud issues.

Eliminating the \$200 late fee and go to and APR% was again brought as a request from MTDA's accounting staff. The issue needs additional study.

Georgana gave a briefing on the NOP audit form this past summer.

The audit was estimated to cost \$27,888, while actual was \$13,888.

A motion to adjourn was made by Sam Schmidt and seconded by Lindsey Aull. Vote to adjourn was unanimous.