



*"To invest in and deliver support for marketing, research, education, and policy development programming that improves return on investment for the pulse producers of Montana."*

June 10th, 2024  
3701 Assiniboine Road Havre, MT 59501

- I. Call to Order – 9:00 AM**
- II. Roll Call & Introductions**
  - A. *Introduce Montana NPGA Field Representative - Tom Allen*
  - B. *Public Comment*
- III. Approval of Past Meeting Minutes- March 6th 2024**
- IV. New Business**
  - A. *Review and adopt Financial Report – Cody Pearce*
    - a) *MPCC Budget, Exec Budget*
- V. Old Business**
  - A. *Subcommittee discussion continued - Cort Jensen*
- VI. New Business Continued**
  - A. *MPCC Strategic Planning Session with Sarah Bohnenkamp - 10 AM*
  - B. *Montana Ag Organization Updates*
    - 1. *MSU Update - Darrin Boss*
    - 2. *MWBC & Checkoff Update - Sam Anderson*
    - 3. *MT Department of Ag - Cort Jensen*
    - 4. *HOLA MT Update - Weston Merrill*
    - 5. *Montana Grain Growers - Alison Vergeront*
  - C. *Lunch – 12:00 to 12:35 PM catered by Jenny's Kitchen*
  - D. *Review & Vote on Grant Proposals*
    - 1. *12:40 PM Montana Grain Growers Association - Alison Vergeront*
      - a) *2024 Pulse Crop Committee Executive Director & Processing for the State of Montana \$124,584.28*
    - 2. *1:00 PM Evergood Commodities LTD. – Anish Vaid*
      - a) *Pulse Research Marketing Program \$34,000.00*
    - 3. *1:20 PM Real MT – Tara Becken or Board Member*
      - a) *2024 AGR Pulse Research & Market Development \$5,000.00*
    - 4. *1:40 PM Great Falls Development Alliance - Jolene Schapler*
      - a) *Market Assessment of Opportunities in Pulse \$65,500.00*
    - 5. *2:00 PM Eric Sommer – USDA NASS*
      - a) *2024 AGR Pulse Research & Market Development Program \$32,000.00*
    - 6. *2:20 PM Agristudios, LLC – Riley Slivka*
      - a) *Montana Pulse Crops Education and Innovation Series \$9,635.00*
    - 7. *2:40 PM Chengci Chen –Professor of Agronomy Eastern Ag Research Station*
      - a) *Montana Statewide Pulse Variety Trials \$57,725.00*
    - 8. *3:00 PM NPGA Update & Funding Request - Shannon Berndt*
      - a) *Growing Together: Supporting Montana Pulse Producers and Industry Success \$546,000.00*
    - 9. *3:30 PM USADPLC Update & Funding Request- Tim McGreevy*
      - a) *Five Programming Pillars to Support the Montana Pulse Crop Industry \$2,200,000.00*

**E. 2024-2025 Subcommittee Reports/Updates:**

- a) *National Board- Paul Kanning, Vice Chair & Todd Hansen*
- b) *Info/Gov- Paul Kanning & Chad Forest*
- c) *Domestic Marketing- Todd Hansen & Blaine Juedeman*
- d) *International Marketing- Brian Aklestad & Blaine Juedeman*
- e) *Research- Brian Aklestad & Chet Hill*
- f) *USADPLC Variety Release Committee – Brian Aklestad & Todd Hansen*
- g) *MSU Variety Release Committee – Brian Aklestad & Todd Hansen*

**F. MPCC Executive Director Update - Liz Edmundson (maybe)**

- I. *Kristen Juras, Refunders, what I have been up to*

**VII. Set Date for Next Board Meeting    November 2024**

**VIII. Adjourn – Hopefully by 5:00 PM**

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