

# **MONTANA WHEAT AND BARLEY COMMITTEE**

**Budget Board Meeting**

**Zoom Meeting**

**Great Falls, Montana**

**December 2, 2020**

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

## **DIRECTORS**

Mike O'Hara, Chairman

Charlie Bumgarner, Director

Adam Carney, Vice Chairman

Denise Conover, Director

Llew Jones, Director

Max Cederberg, Director

## **STAFF**

Cassidy Marn, Executive Vice President

Sam Anderson, Industry Analyst & Outreach Coordinator

Kolleen Spurgin, Budget & Grants Coordinator

Tammy Suek, Administrative Assistant

## **EX-OFFICIO DIRECTORS**

Ben Thomas, Director, Department of Agriculture

Sreekala Bajwa, Vice President of Agriculture, MSU

Sam Schmidt, Montana Milling

## **GUESTS**

Kim Mangold, Montana Farmers Union

Mary Burrows, MSU

Cristy Clark, Deputy Director, Department of Ag

## **Wednesday, December 2, 2020**

*Chairman O'Hara called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m. Introductions were made.*

*Called for public comment heard none.*

## **Review of October 14, 2020 Meeting Minutes**

Chairman O'Hara presented the minutes of the Fall Board Meeting.

Director Jones moved, and Director Bumgarner seconded the motion to approve the minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

## **Department of Agriculture**

Director Thomas announced this would be his last meeting and that he had found a new job.

## **Financial Update**

Executive Vice President Marn gave the financial update saying we are having a good year and keeping steady with assessments. There was a short discussion on barley.

## **"View from the Trade"**

Sam Schmidt reported organic grain is in high demand.

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**Budget Discussion**

State Grain Lab discussion.  
Transportation discussion.

**Break**

**Budget**

Wheat Stem Sawfly discussion.

Chairman O'Hara moved that the budget total of \$4,276,323 be approved,  
Director Jones seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

**Approval of Staff and Director Travel**

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

**Upcoming Events**

Jan. 11-15	Wheat Foods Council – Virtual
Jan. 13-14	Malt Barley & Sugar Beet Symposium - Virtual
Jan. 26-29	PNW Wheat Quality – Virtual
Feb. 1-3	US Grains Council – Virtual
Feb. 2-6	US Wheat Winter Meeting – Washington, DC
Jun. 23-24	Wheat Foods Council – Denver, CO
Jul. 26-28	US Grains Council – Calgary, Canada

**New Business**

Next board meeting – March 3, 2021

*Chairman O'Hara adjourned the meeting at 11:30 a.m.*

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Cassidy Marn, Executive Vice President

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Date