

# **MONTANA WHEAT AND BARLEY COMMITTEE**

**Fall Board Meeting  
Zoom Meeting  
Great Falls, Montana  
October 14, 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

Adam Carney, 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

## **EX-OFFICIO DIRECTORS**

Ben Thomas, Director, Department of Agriculture  
Sreekala Bajwa, Vice President of Agriculture, MSU  
Sam Schmidt, Montana Milling

## **GUESTS**

Janelle Booth, MSU  
Brian Sorenson, NCI  
Kim Mangold, Montana Farmers Union  
Cort Jensen, Staff Attorney, Department of Ag  
Alison Vergeront, Senator Daines Office  
Mary Burrows, MSU  
Cristy Clark, Deputy Director, Department of Ag

## **Wednesday, October 14, 2020**

*Chairman Bumgarner called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m. Called for public comment heard none.*

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

## **Crop Update**

Director Carney – Good crops – It has cooled off and very dry. – Low protein in the Spring Wheat with a higher yield.

Director Cederberg – Nice Fall – done with harvest – good quality – Winter wheat seeded – Grasshopper problems

Director Jones – Same as Max – Winter wheat seeded – Good harvest – Lower protein

Director Klempel – Good yields, low proteins, waiting for rain – He will be resigning from the committee.

Director Conover – Still seeding Winter wheat, got some rain, good year, some Cheatgrass concerns.

Director O’Hara – Dry – Barley is excellent – Too dry to seed, need moisture

Chairman Bumgarner – Spring Wheat great yields, taking time to build bins.

### **Review of June 24, 2020 Meeting Minutes**

Chairman Bumgarner presented the minutes of the Summer Board Meeting.

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

### **Financial Update**

Executive Vice President Marn gave the financial update saying we are having a good year and keeping steady with assessments.

### **Montana State University Update**

Dr. Bajwa said most of campus is doing on-line learning and enrollment in the ag department is the second largest at over 2000. Scholarships are very important this year. The Legislature requests are like last times budget.

Janelle Booth talked a little about her new duties at the university and Mary Burrows talked about the new facility development she is involved with.

### **Department of Agriculture**

Director Thomas shared information about the meat processing grant funding the department has been working on. He talked about the Tri-Accord and Canadian Trade talks he has been involved in. The department will be bringing 5 bills to the Legislature this coming year none of them concern Wheat & Barley. The State Grain Lab is having some funding issues Cassidy encouraged them to apply for a Wheat & Barley grant.

The question was asked about travel for the committee, at this time all travel needs to go through the Governor’s Office for approval.

### **“View from the Trade”**

Sam Schmidt reported that flour sales have increased because of the in-home eating trend. Organic grain is in high demand.

### **Industry Analyst & Outreach Coordinator Update**

Sam Anderson showed the group some of the videos he has been working on. He has also been posting quality reports on the web site and we have had increased visits to the site.

### **Executive Vice President Update**

EV President Marn informed at the committee that Sam Anderson has moved to Helena but would still be working for them. We had several virtual trade teams this year including a Mexican, Chinese, Korean, Nisshin, Heineken, and Constellation.

EV President Marn filmed a wheat quality presentation for US Wheat, which was shown to potential buyers.

MT Grain Growers canceled their convention this year and went to a virtual agenda on December 1, 2020.

### **Web Grants Review**

Tammy Suek gave a quick reminder that grants would be ready for review the first week of November.

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

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

### **Upcoming Events**

Oct. 22	Wheat Marketing Center – Portland, OR
Nov. 1-5	US Wheat Fall Board Meeting – Sioux Falls, SD
Dec. 1	MGGA Convention – Great Falls
Jan. 11-15	Wheat Foods Council – Charleston, SC
Jan. 26-29	PNW Wheat Quality – Virtual
Feb. 1-3	US Grains Council – Savannah, GA
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**

New officers were elected and voted on: Chairman Mike O'Hara and Vice Chair Adam Carney.

Director Conover moved, and Director Bumgarner seconded the motion to elect Directors O'Hara and Carney, Chairman and Vice Chair respectfully. The motion passed unanimously.

New board assignments were also assigned: US Wheat – Vice Chair Carney  
Wheat Food Council Alt. – Director Jones  
Wheat Quality Alt. – Director Bumgarner

Next board meeting – December 2 & 3, 2020

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