

MONTANA WHEAT AND BARLEY COMMITTEE

**Summer Board Meeting
In-Person/Zoom Meeting
Great Falls, Montana
June 16, 2021**

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

DIRECTORS

Mike O'Hara, Chairman

Adam Carney, Vice Chairman

Denise Conover, Director

Max Cederberg, Director

Charlie Bumgarner, Director

Brett Dailey, Director

EX-OFFICIO DIRECTORS

Cristy Clark, Director, Department of Agriculture

Dr. Sreekala Bajwa, Vice President of Agriculture, MSU

Sam Schmidt, Montana Milling

STAFF

Cassidy Marn, Executive Vice President

Sam Anderson, Industry Analyst & Outreach Coordinator

Kolleen Spurgin, Budget & Grants Coordinator

Tammy Suek, Administrative Assistant

GUESTS

Alison Vergeront, Executive Director, MGGA

Justin Gilpin, Kansas Wheat

Zach Coccoli, Deputy Director & Staff Attorney, Department of Ag

Wednesday, June 16, 2021:

Chairman O'Hara called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

Director Bumgarner moved, and Director Dailey seconded the motion to approve the tentative agenda. The motion passed unanimously.

Review of March 3, 2021 Meeting Minutes

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

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

Department of Agriculture Update

Director Clark talked to the board about the Department moving back to regular office activity. She also explained about the grant program that Director Jones is a part of. The department are also conducting a value-added tour this next week for the governor.

Montana Grain Growers Update

MGGA Executive Vergeront made a small report on their golf tournament, scholarships, convention which is Nov. 30 – Dec. 2 and the Endowed Chair which is at the interview stage.

View from the Trade

Sam Schmidt gave an overview of grain prices.

MSU Update

Dr. Bajwa updated the board on the field days they will be face-to-face this year and MAES advisory committee will be meeting at Southern Ag Research Station, June 30th this year. The search is on for two wheat breeders and an endowed chair position. Northwest Farm Credit Services made a gift of two million dollars to the University's Ag department.

Hard White Wheat Update

Justin Gilpin from the Kansas Wheat Commission presented to the board an update on Hard White Wheat and changing the grading standards at FIGIS.

Financial Update

Executive VP Marn went over the latest financials and answered questions about refunds.

Wheat Marketing Center

Director Bumgarner attended the virtual meeting put on by the center. They said goodbye to Bonn, he has retired. Next meeting, they hope to have face-to-face.

National Barley Growers Board Meeting

Chairman O'Hara attended the meeting; the concern was about the drought and it's effect on the barley crop. The demand for barley is good.

Executive Vice President Update

Executive VP Marn is sitting on the search committees for the breeders, it is a lot of work. She talked about the Trade Teams we have interacted with so far. Crop Quality is the bad news but trying to stay positive to buyers.

Director Carney is resigning due to family issues, the governor has appointed Terry Angvick from Plentywood to replace him.

Industry Analyst Update

Sam is working on different ways to promote our wheat, such as video content for the web site & Facebook page. He is also working on working with MSU to set up web cams on a field to watch the growth of wheat.

Transportation Update

Deputy Director Coccoli talked to the board about some of the transportation meeting coming up.

Approval of Staff and Director Travel

Director Conover moved, and Director Bumgarner seconded the motion to approve the travel. The motion passed unanimously.

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Upcoming Events

Jun. 29-Jul. 1	US Wheat Meeting – Nashville, TN
Jul. 26-28	US Grains Council – Des Moines, IA
Jul. 29	Wheat Foods Council - Virtual
Aug. 11-12	MT Farm to School Summit – Helena
Oct. 28	Wheat Marketing Center – Portland, OR

New Business

Next board meeting – October 12, 2021

Chairman O'Hara adjourned the meeting at 1:30 p.m.

Cassidy Marn, Executive Vice President

Date