

**Agriculture Development Council  
Growth Through Agriculture (GTA) Program  
March 18-19, 2026  
Conference Rm 225  
302 N Roberts St, Helena MT**

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**Wednesday, March 18**

<b>Time</b>	<b>Topic</b>	<b>Discussion</b>
9:00	<b>Call to Order</b> – John Wicks, Chair	
	<b>Roll Call/Call for Proxies</b> – Dani Jones, Council Coordinator	
	<b>Public Comment</b>	
	<b>Welcome</b> – John Wicks	
	<b>Council Reimbursement</b> – Dani Jones	
	<b>Minutes Review</b> – 9/11/25, 12/12/2025	<i>Council action needed</i>
	<b>Review of Ethics Policy/Conflict of Interest</b> – Anna Kecskes, Chief Attorney	
	<b>Application Review Process</b> – Bailey Kaskie, GTA Program Manager	
9:30	<b>Review of Applications</b> – John Wicks ✧ Q&A session schedule starting on page 2 of agenda	

## Grant Review Schedule

### Wednesday, March 18

<b>9:00</b>	Start meeting, review process		
	<b>Discussion and Q&amp;A for Applications 1-4</b>		
<b>9:30</b>	#1	Rivulet Apiaries dba Hindu Hillbilly Honey	Kavita Bay
9:45	#2	MVS (Mission Valley Shrimp)	James Vaughn
10:00	#3	Monarch Farm Winery	Theresa Jenkins-Brandhorst
10:15	#4	Abraxas Farm dba Far Out Feeds	Frank Reichel
<del>10:30</del>	<del>#5</del>	<del>Living Sky Grains</del>	<del>Kari Groeneweg</del>
10:45	Review proposal scores 1-4		
	Break		
	<b>Discussion and Q&amp;A for Applications 6-10</b>		
11:00	#6	Pura Vida Shearing	Pete Connolly
11:15	#7	ClarDan	Clark Grant
11:30	#8	Solum	Thomas Bogle
11:45	#9	Big Flat Meats	Trevor Kimmel
12:00	#10	LCCDC dba Mission West Community Dev Partners	Jan Tusick
12:15	Review proposal scores 6-10		
12:30	Lunch		
	<b>Discussion and Q&amp;A for Applications 11-15</b>		
1:30	#11	Willow Mountain Winery	Roxann McGuire
1:45	#12	Last Best Organics	Erik Gibson-Snyder
2:00	#13	Old Town Farmstand	Roxanne Mulder
2:15	#14	Living Water Agriculture	Carolyn French
2:30	#15	Sovereign Warrior	Yasmeen Sokol
2:45	Review proposal scores 11-15		
	Break		
	<b>Discussion and Q&amp;A for Applications 16-19, 5</b>		
3:00	#16	Black Dog Farm	Kira Jarosz
3:15	#17	Jocko Valley Farm	Claire Steinberg
3:30	#18	Bull River Farm	Katherine King
3:45	#19	Cool Earth Creamery	Theresa Morales
4:00	#5	Living Sky Grains	Kari Groeneweg
4:15	Review proposal scores for 16-19, 5		
	Public Comment		
	Adjourn		

**Thursday, March 19**

- 9:00** Call Meeting to Order  
Public Comment  
**Discussion and Q&A for Applications 20-24**
- 9:05** #20 Ben Robert's Heritage Poultry & Eggs Ben Roberts  
9:20 #21 Montana Milk Producers Association Joseph Kleinsasser  
9:35 #22 Project Meats Tanya Flowers  
9:50 #23 Producers Partnership Matt Pierson  
10:05 #24 Baguley Farms West James Baguley  
10:20 Review proposal scores 20-24  
Break  
**Discussion and Q&A for Applications 25-28**
- 10:35** #25 CIVC Colleen Kavanaugh  
10:50 #26 Fat Toads Farm Pantry Carly Brief  
11:05 #27 Helena Farm Stop Derrick Quandt  
11:20 #28 Excelsior Meats Timothy Mac Anderson  
11:35 Review proposal scores 25-28  
**11:45 Lunch**  
**1:00** Final Scoring Discussion and Awards  
Ag Summit Memo  
BEP/BAM Memos  
Next Meeting Date  
Public Comment  
Adjourn