

MONTANA WHEAT AND BARLEY COMMITTEE

**Fall Board Meeting
In-Person/Zoom Meeting
Great Falls, Montana
October 23-24, 2023**

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

DIRECTORS

Denise Conover, Chairwoman
Terry Angvick, Vice Chairman
Lee Dahlman, Director
Max Cederberg, Director

Charlie Bumgarner, Director
Keven Bradley, Director

EX-OFFICIO DIRECTORS

Christy Clark, Director of the Department of Agriculture
Dr. Bajwa, Vice President of Agriculture, MSU
Jake McFarlin, Grain Industry Representative

STAFF

Kent Kupfner, Executive Director
Sam Anderson, Market Development Director
Lori Wickett, Communications Director
Kolleen Spurgin, Budget & Grants Coordinator
Tammy Suek, Administrative Assistant

GUESTS

Alison Vergeront, MGGA
Cody Pearce, CFO, Department of Agriculture
Sunni Hitchcock, Budget Analyst, Department of Agriculture
Barry Jacobsen, Consultant
Randy Bogden, Rep. Rosendale's Office
Dave Tweet, Barley Consultant
Brandee Johnston, MSU & Foundation Seed

Monday, October 23, 2023:

Chairwoman Conover called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. Introductions were made.
The Chairman asked for public comment. Heard none.

Review of June 20, 2023 Meeting Minutes

Chairwoman Conover presented the minutes of the Board Meetings.

Director Bumgarner moved, and Director Dahlman seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the June 20th meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

Department of Agriculture Update

Director Clark reported to the committee about trade teams and interest in horse genetics. They are working on administrative rules and collecting information for the next session. Working with businesses wanting to set up shop in Montana.

Executive Director Kupfner asked about the State Grain Lab and the last time they ran in the black. She explained how Dan Riemer turned the lab around to where it is today.

MSU Update

Dr. Bajwa announced the Ag Leader of the year Charlie Cahill and will be awarded at the Celebrate Ag!! banquet. They are exploring new granting opportunities for innovations in agriculture. She is sending a QR code for producers to request research projects for the college.

MT Grain Growers Update

Alison updated the committee about the convention and the farm bill. There is a draft legislation she wanted input on before moving forward.

Brandee Johnston

Brandee is working with the craft malting to look for producers to contract with to raise Buzz barley. She is doing lots of trade shows this winter. She brought t-shirts that have all the MSU wheat & barley varieties.

Grain Industry Rep. Update

Jake McFarlin reported that futures are moving very slowly, waiting for some movement around the world. China is buying and that is affecting markets. Rail prices will decrease the first of the year. Winter Wheat is looking very good for this year.

Financial Update

Cody Pearce showed the directors the tool to help calculate available balances and projected cash available to grant out. The interest earned has been increasing the last few years.

Financial Year-to-Date Update

Kolleen went through our current and last year's budgets and explained a couple of payments and the refund list.

Lunch

Staff Update

Executive Director Kupfner explained how the hiring process worked when selecting Lori Wickett. He talked about the trade teams that we hosted. He went through his activities since the last meeting.

Sam Anderson talked about the new Commodity Assessment process that will start after the first of the year.

Lori introduced herself and gave her background. She gave an update on what she has been up to.

Approval of Staff and Director Travel

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

Upcoming Events

Oct. 25	Pasta MT Team – Great Falls
Oct. 25-26	Wheat Marketing Center – Portland, OR
Oct. 27	Showa Team – Great Falls

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Oct. 27-28	MT Farmer's Union Convention – Great Falls
Oct. 27-Nov. 3	Governor's Taiwan Trip - Taiwan
Nov. 3-4	Celebrate Ag!! Weekend – Bozeman
Nov. 6-10	US Wheat Fall Board Meeting – Cincinnati, Ohio
Nov. 8-15	USWA SE Asia Country Elevator Manager Team – SE Asia
Nov. 10	Office Closed
Nov. 11-21	USWA North Asia Crop Tour – North Asia
Nov. 13-21	USWA South American Crop Tour – South America
Nov. 23	Office Closed
Nov. 27	MWBC Budget Meeting – Great Falls
Nov. 28-30	MGGA Convention – Great Falls
Dec. 11-13	KS Milling Course – Manhattan, KS
Dec. 25	Office Closed

New Business

Next board meeting – November 27, 2023
Board Assignments – See attachment for changes.
Election of officers – Chairman – Terry Angvick
Vice Chair – Max Cederberg

Director Dahlman moved, and Director Bumgarner seconded the motion to elect Terry Angvick as Chairman and Max Cederberg as Vice Chairman. The motion passed unanimously.

Membership Applications

The Directors walked through all the applications and discussed the requested amounts.

Standard Applications

The Directors went through all the applications and discussed the requested amounts.

Research Applications

Barry Jacobsen gave his opinion on all the research applications.

Chairwoman Conover adjourned the meeting at 5:00 p.m.

Tuesday, October 24, 2023

Call to order 8:00 a.m. – Chairwoman Conover

Research – Continued

The directors will take this month to go over the applications more thoroughly for the next meeting on November 27, 2023.

Adjourned 12:00 – Chairwoman Conover