

MONTANA WHEAT AND BARLEY COMMITTEE

Budget Board Meeting In-Person/Zoom Meeting Great Falls, Montana November 27, 2023

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

DIRECTORS

Terry Angvick, Chairman
Denise Conover, Director
Max Cederberg, Vice Chair
Charlie Bumgarner, Director

Keven Bradley, Director
Lee Dahlman, Director
Brett Dailey, Director

EX-OFFICIO DIRECTORS

Dr. Bajwa, Vice President of Agriculture, MSU
Jake McFarlin, Grain Trade Representative

STAFF

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

GUESTS

Nathan Keane, MGGA
Cort Jensen, Staff Attorney, Department of Agriculture
Lochiel Edwards, Montana Grains Foundation
Eric Sommer, USDA/NASS, State Statistician
Darren Boss, MSU
Logan Cruz, Department of Agriculture
Zach Coccoli, Deputy Director, Department of Agriculture
Dave Tweet, Barley Consultant
Casey Peterson, NCI
Anna Flies, GF Development
Ian Foley, Department of Agriculture
David Weaver, MSU
Bob Peterson, MSU
Dan Reimer, State Grain Lab

Monday, November 27, 2023:

Chairman Angvick called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. Introductions were done.

Review of October 23-24, 2023, Meeting Minutes

Chairman Angvick presented the minutes of the Board Meetings.

Director Dailey moved, and Director Bumgarner seconded the motion to approve the minutes for October 23-24, 2023. The motion passed unanimously.

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Public Comment

Lochiel Edwards spoke about the need for Wheat Stem Sawfly funding.

Montana Grain Growers

Nathan Keane talked about the convention, the trip to Taiwan with the Governor, the upcoming Farm Bill extension and their membership and finances.

MAES Report

Darrin Boss updated the directors on MSU and the growth in student enrollment. There is a survey for producers for priorities for research that they want as many people to fill out as possible.

Jake McFarlin Update

Jake talked about his trip with US Wheat to SE Asia. He updated about the markets and industry.

MSU Update

Dr. Bajwa added to what Darrin said, including the survey. Charlie Cahill was named Ag Leader of the year at the Celebrate Ag Banquet. She would like to see more Trade Missions coming to visit the University.

Northern Crops Institute Update

Casey Peterson gave a presentation about NCI and their new building. He talked about the programs being offered by the institute.

Financial Update

Kolleen updated the financial report, and let the directors know what the remaining balance is and the budget for the coming year.

Wheat Marketing Center Report

Director Bumgarner had a little trouble getting to the meeting, but he did make it. They are asking for money for additional equipment.

US Wheat Association

Directors Bradley and Cederberg attended the meeting in Ohio. Director Bradley ran the Wheat Quality meeting for Director Conover. He also attended the Transportation committee and heard from some railroad issues.

North Asia Crop Quality Tour

Director Conover traveled to North Asia to talk about the quality of US wheat. It was a great group of staff and producers.

Governor's Taiwan Trip

Director Angvick and Executive Director Kupfner went with the governor and a group of officials and producers. It was a very productive trip for everyone.

Lori Wickett Update

Lori talked about an authentication protocol; it is coming for all devices. She attended Celebrate Ag! but was running late so she missed some of it.

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Sam Anderson Update

Sam has been traveling for the last few weeks. He has also been working on the on-line reporting system.

Executive Director Update

Executive Director Kupfner talked about the Taiwan travels and gave the presentation he has been giving to all these groups.

Approval of Staff and Director Travel

Upcoming Events

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

Nov. 28-30	MGGA Convention – Great Falls
Dec. 5	Anheuser Busch Customer Appreciation Day - Choteau
Dec. 6	Chouteau County Ag Business Day – Fort Benton
Dec. 7-9	Montana Organic Association Convention – Great Falls
Dec. 11-13	KSU Milling Course – Manhattan, KS
Dec. 25	Office Closed
Jan. 1	Office Closed
Jan. 9	Barley Symposium – Billings
Jan. 10-11	Barley Improvement Conference – San Diego, CA
Jan. 15	Office Closed
Jan. 18	State Executive Meeting - Arizona
Jan. 22-26	US Wheat Board Meeting – Washington DC
Jan. 24-26	MABA/MGEA Convention – Great Falls
Jan. 24	MSU Variety Release Meeting – Bozeman
Jan. 29-Feb.1	National Barley Growers Meeting – Washington DC
Jan. 31-Feb. 2	PNW Wheat Quality Council – Boise, ID
Feb. 6-8	Wheat Foods Council – San Antonio, TX
Feb. 14-16	US Grains Council – Guatemala City
Feb. 19	Office Closed
Feb. 20-22	Wheat Quality Council Conference – Olathe, KS
Mar. 3-7	National Barley Improvement Committee – Washington DC
Mar. 4-8	Wheat Marketing Center Producer Tour – Portland, OR
Mar. 27-28	Wheat Marketing Center Board Meeting – Portland, OR
May 21-24	USW World Staff Conference – Malta

State Grain Lab

Dan Reimer talked about the cost of training and the increase of fees. He mentioned the sprout on barley sampling.

Lunch

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Bob Peterson & David Weaver

They discussed wheat stem sawfly.

Break

Executive Session

Director Cederberg moved to raise Executive Director Kupfner's hourly wage to \$57.69 starting December 4th, 2023, Director Bumgarner seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Budget discussion

The budget was next on the agenda.

Director Bumgarner made a motion to fund a new Rapid Visco Analyser machine for \$29,750 using CY2023 funds and Director Dailey seconded it. The motion passed unanimously.

Director Bumgarner made a motion to approve the budget of \$4,812,907 and Director Cederberg seconded it. The motion passed unanimously.

New Business

Next board meeting will be March 18-19, 2024

Chairman Angvick called for public comment and heard none.

Chairman Angvick adjourned the meeting at 4:40 p.m.

Kent Kupfner, Executive Director

Date