

Montana Wheat and Barley Committee
Summer Board Meeting
Northwestern Agricultural Research Center
Kalispell, MT
June 29, 2017

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

DIRECTORS

Mike O'Hara, Chairman	Leonard Schock, Director
Denise Conover, Vice Chairman	Randy Hinebauch, Director
Bruce Myllymaki, Director	Chris Kolstad, Director
Buzz Mattelin, Director (via Conference Call)	

EX-OFFICIOS

Not present: Dr. Charles Boyer, Vice President - MSU College of Agriculture
Not present: Blake Malcolm, Columbia Grain
Not present: Ben Thomas, Director of The Department of Agriculture

STAFF

Collin Watters, Executive Vice President
Tammy Suek, Administrative Assistant

GUESTS

Kim Mangold, Deputy Director - Montana Department of Agriculture
Bob Stougaard, Professor, Northwestern Ag Research Center
Mark Lalum, Assistant General Manager, CHS
Daniel Juliano, Associate Director of Technology Licensing

Thursday, June 29, 2017

Chairman O'Hara called the meeting to order at 8:35 pm. He called for public comment and heard none. Introductions were made.

Director Myllymaki made the motion to adopt the tentative agenda and Director Kolstad seconded it. The agenda passed unanimously.

Chairman O'Hara presented the minutes of the March 13-14, 2017 Board Meeting.

Director Kolstad moved and Director Hinebauch seconded the motion to approve the minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

Financial Update

Executive Vice President Watters informed the directors about the sponsorships they have approved and that the amount budgeted has been spent. Chairman O'Hara asked that staff develop a new system of sponsorship review for the committee's consideration at the next meeting.

Director Kolstad made the motion to add an additional \$5000 to the budget for additional sponsorships and Director Conover seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

MT Department of Agriculture Update

Deputy Director Mangold reported to the committee about the increase in pesticide fees to make the program more self-sustaining and the passing of legislation for a five-person Pulse Committee structured like the Wheat & Barley committee. There is discussion about opening an organic research facility to help the organic farmers in the state.

“View from the Trade Report”

Blake Malcolm was unable to attend the meeting so the representative from CHS Mark Lalum stepped in and gave a brief update to the directors. He said the drought was not effecting the northwest except for the spring wheat prices being up.

MSU Tech Transfer Office Update

Daniel Juliano gave a presentation to the board explaining how their office operates and the process of how varieties are released to the public and licensing to others. They finished reorganizing their office in 2016 and are working on streamlining procures. The committee was asked if they agreed with the direction the office was taking such as public release within the state and licensing out of state and international, they agreed it sounded reasonable.

The tech office is working with a Bulgarian company to license Montana varieties, they also have a few other interested parties looking at doing the same.

U.S. Wheat Food Aid Mission

Director Schock accompanied a team to Tanzania for an education on how the food aid program is administered. He got talk to farmers and saw the work that is done with the program. He has been inspired by what he observed on the trip.

World Barley & Malt Conference

Chairman O'Hara and Director Mattelin attended the conference in Austria, there was a lot of interest in the craft brewing industry. They both thought it was a worthwhile trip with lots of good networking opportunities.

Wheat Marketing Center Meeting

Director Myllymaki traveled to Portland to the meeting, a couple of the researchers had just returned from training on the new stone mill that the committee had help fund. Janice Cooper put in a request for funding to help pay for new displays at the center.

Director Kolstad made a motion to grant Wheat Marketing Center an additional \$5000 to use for the new displays at the center and Director Schock seconded it. The motion passed unanimously.

Production Reports

District 1: Director Mattelin reported that there are protein issues and that blending is necessary and his peas are blooming.

District 2: Director Hinebauch needs rain, but it is green and in good condition the later planted wheat needs rain. Lots of grain moving not much left in the bins.

District 3: Director Kolstad thought he would have about 10% less than last year, but they need rain. The bins are about 20%-25% compared to last year.

District 4: Chairman O'Hara reported that the west part of his district looked good but the east not so much. The barley planted early is doing well and winter wheat is good, spring not so good. Not much left in the bins.

District 5: Director Myllymaki said his area is looking green and in good condition, but June was dry and windy. He did not think there was much left in the bins.

District 6: Director Conover is in good condition and she was not sure of the bin situation.

District 7: Director Schock reported dry conditions he thought the cooler temperatures helps. He was not sure on the bins, but not much selling going on.

Deputy Director Mangold is sitting on the Drought Council and is helping with the emergency orders, the hail program is at 3.5 million compared to the 8 million last year.

Northern Crops Institute Update

Director Hinebauch announced to the committee that Mark Weber would be retiring the end of this year, Greg Kessel is the new chairman.

Field to Market & National Barley Growers Association

Director Mattelin reported to the board that the Field to Market meeting went well and that they are updating the field calculator and hoping to add barley to it.

Both Director Mattelin and Vice President Watters attended the NBGA in Bloomington, MN. The crop report stated that North Dakota and Eastern Montana were the poorest barley growing regions, so far. Director Mattelin was voted onto the board as Vice President he will serve 2 years then move to President for 2 years. The meeting was well attended.

Wheat Foods Council Update

Director Conover attended the board meeting in Manhattan, KS where they also attended the Festival of Breads. She informed the board that the council has reduced their budget.

Canadian Global Crop Symposium

Deputy Director Mangold and Cassidy Marn went to Calgary for the symposium which was well attended and very well done. They had very good speakers and Cargill gave an update.

Columbia Grain is partnering with Montana Specialty Mills. Kim also let the committee know that 16 growers in the state were approved by the department to grow hemp.

Executive Vice President's Report

EV President Watters gave an update on his activities:

- He attended both world staff meetings for US Wheat Associates and US Grains Council. Those meetings are great networking opportunities and working sessions.
- He manned a booth at the Great Falls Beers & Gears Festival, they had lots of traffic and interest.
- He took the Mexican Craft Brewers team to the Ag Summit to have lunch with the head of the US Department of Agriculture, Sonny Perdue.
- He attended a rail meeting hosted by MGGA, it was very technical.

EV President Watters let the board know that so far there has been two applications submitted for the director District 7 position.

EV President Watters needed a few ideas and approvals from the directors:

- He would like to purchase a new video system for meetings.
- He requested some research questions from each of the director's areas to give to the researchers before they submit their grants this year.

Approval of out-of-state Director & staff travel

Director Kolstad moved and Director Schock seconded the motion to approve the travel with additions. The motion passed unanimously.

Upcoming Events

Jul. 4	Independence Day – Office Closed
Jul. 7	Bozeman Farm Days - Bozeman
Jul. 7-12	USWA Summer Board Meeting – Annapolis, MD
Jul. 12	Moccasin Field Days – Moccasin
Jul. 12-15	Mexican Craft Brewers Trade Team – Powell, Billings & Bozeman
Jul. 14	Pasta MT – Otaru Flour Miller – Great Falls
Jul. 16-18	Korean Crop Survey – Great Falls
Jul. 19	Sidney Field Days
Jul. 31-Aug. 2	USGC Summer Board Meeting – Vancouver, WA
Aug. 9-12	Vietnam Trade Team - Bozeman
Aug. 17	International Association of Operative Millers – Big Sky
Aug. 21	Nippon Anniversary – Helena & Great Falls
Sep. 4	Labor Day – Office Closed
Sep. 12-13	Field to Market – Washington DC
Sep. 14	Transatlantic Ag Dialogue - Bozeman
Sep. 15	MGEA Board Meeting - Billings
Oct. 9	Columbus Day – Office Closed

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Oct. 16-20	USWA Fall Board Meeting – North Charleston, SC
Oct. 24-25	Wheat Marketing Center Board Meeting – Portland, OR
Nov. 2	MAES Planning Summit - Bozeman
Nov. 3-4	MSU Celebrate Ag – Bozeman
Nov. 10	Veteran’s Day – Office Closed
Nov. 14	NCI Fall Board Meeting – Great Falls
Nov. 23	Thanksgiving Day – Office Closed
Nov. 26-29	ALIM - Colombia
Nov. 27-28	MWBC Budget Board Meeting – Great Falls
Nov. 28-30	MGGA Convention – Great Falls
Nov. 29	MWBC 50 th Anniversary Dinner – Great Falls
Dec. 5-8	Producer Tour – Portland
Dec. 25	Christmas Day – Office Closed

New Business

The Wheat Marketing Center Producer Tour is over budget and EV President Watters wanted to know if the committee would like to add more money to the budget or save money in other areas. The directors decided to look at saving money on meals and other expenses.

The board presented Director Schock with a plaque to thank him for his years of service on the board.

Call for Public Comment – none

Chairman O’Hara adjourned the meeting at 1:00 p.m.

Collin Watters, Executive Vice President

Date