

Montana Wheat and Barley Committee

Fall Board Meeting

Cargill, Inc.

4401 Innovation St.

Great Falls, MT

October 3, 2018

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

DIRECTORS

Denise Conover, Chairwoman

Randy Hinebauch, Vice Chairman

Mike O'Hara, Director

Adam Carney, Director

Alan Klempel, Director

Chris Kolstad, Director

Charlie Bumgarner, Director

EX-OFFICIOS

Not Present: Dr. Charles Boyer, Vice President - MSU College of Agriculture

Not Present: Ben Thomas, Director of The Department of Agriculture

STAFF

Collin Watters, Executive Vice President

Cassidy Marn, Marketing Program Manager

Kolleen Spurgin, Budget and Grants Coordinator

Tammy Suek, Administrative Assistant

GUESTS

Kim Mangold, Deputy Director - Montana Department of Agriculture

Chris Christiaens, Project & Legislative Specialist, MT Farmers Union

Lola Raska, Executive Director, Montana Grain Growers

Cort Jensen, Staff Attorney, Dept. of Ag

Dave Tweet, Consultant

Mitch Konen, Secretary, MT Grain Growers

Greg Kessel, ND Barley Council

Bruce Myllymaki, Producer

Jessie Anderson, Senator Tester's Office

Wednesday, October 3, 2018

Chairwoman Conover called the meeting to order at 9:00 am. Introductions were made. Greg Kessel talked about Northern Crops Institute and some of the personnel changes and the possibility of a new building in the future. Chairwoman Conover called for public comment:

Lola Raska let the committee know about how the search for the MSU vice president of agriculture was going. They are close to interviewing the future candidates.

Jessie Andersen from Senator Tester's office talked about how the farm bill was stalled in Congress.

Chairwoman Conover presented the minutes of the July 11, 2018 Board Meeting.

Director O'Hara moved and Director Bumgarner seconded the motion to approve the minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

Financial Update

Kolleen Spurgin gave the directors an updated budget and a listing of refunders.

Ag Law Technology Conference

Cort Jensen attended this conference with other attorneys from across the country, the discussion was about developing new laws for future agricultural technologies such as, drones, driverless vehicles, gene editing technology and pesticides.

MT Department of Agriculture Update

Kim Mangold gave information about the new trade agreement with Canada and Mexico, the details are still being worked out. She talked about the Food Modernization and Safety Act, the legislature and the growing hemp industry.

Barley Update

Dave Tweet let the directors know of all the activities he has been involved with this year on behalf of the committee. Including what he knows about what is happening in the malting industry.

Latin American Buyers Conference

Director Kolstad attended the Latin American Buyers Conference in Brazil, it was a very successful conference.

North Asian Marketing Conference

EV President Watters was a presenter at the North Asia Marketing Conference where he gave two presentations. White wheat from the U.S. is drawing attention in many Asian markets.

Program Manager Update

Cassidy Marn talked about the trade teams this year, our numbers were 18 teams with 60 participants.

Executive Vice President's Report

EV President Watters updated the committee with the new variety survey that MSU completed. He let them know that there were a few things in the packets that they could read, Zach Coccoli's transportation report and the new transportation report from NDSU. He also gave them graphs and charts to help with budget estimates.

Collin also let them know he is looking around at available office space for a possible move next year.

Cort Jensen and Kim Mangold explained the differences in the State Grain Lab and private labs when the results come back very different.

Approval of out-of-state Director & staff travel

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

Upcoming Events

Oct. 8	Columbus Day – Office Closed
Oct.10	Nippon Trade Team – Great Falls
Oct. 18-19	Wheat Marketing Center Board Meeting – Portland, OR
Oct. 24-27	Governor’s Trade Delegation & Craft Brewer’s Convention - Mexico
Oct. 24	Showa Trade Team – Great Falls
Oct. 26-27	MT Farmers Union Convention – Great Falls
Oct. 29-Nov. 2	USWA Fall Board Meeting – Tampa, FL
Nov. 9-10	MSU Ag Weekend – Bozeman
Nov. 7-10	WMC Portland Tour – Portland, OR
Nov. 6	Election Day – Office Closed
Nov. 12	Veteran’s Day – Office Closed
Nov. 13	NCI Board Meeting – Fargo, ND
Nov. 14	Barley to Beer – NCI – Fargo, ND
Nov. 15-16	Wheat to Bread – NCI – Fargo, ND
Nov. 22	Thanksgiving – Office Closed
Nov. 26-27	MWBC Board Meeting – Great Falls
Nov. 27-29	MGGA Convention – Great Falls
Dec. 25	Christmas Day – Office Closed
Jan. 15	Wheat Foods Council Meeting – New Orleans, LA
Jan. 30-Feb 1	PNW Wheat Quality Meeting – Portland, OR
Feb. 2-3	Craft Brewers Conference – Bozeman
Feb. 11-16	US Wheat Meeting – Washington DC
Feb. 11-13	US Grains Council – Cartagena, Colombia

New Business

The elections of officers will be moved to the summer board meeting.

Elections were held, and the results were:

- Director Hinebauch – Chairman
- Director Klempel – Vice Chairman

Production:

- Adam: Ergot problem
- Charlie: Best Winter wheat, still seeding
- Al: yields good, still cutting
- Randy: Big spring and winter crop
- Denise: weather issues
- Chris: above average year, still cutting spring
- Mike: winter wheat and barley big crops
- Mitch: great winter wheat and barley

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Bruce: great year

Tammy Suek gave a brief refresher on how to review applications in Web Grants.

Chairwoman Conover adjourned the meeting at 1:30 p.m.

Collin Watters, Executive Vice President

Date