

Montana Pulse Crop Committee Meeting Agenda

December 4, 2025, 9:00am

High Plains Conservation District, 3615 29th St SW, Great Falls, MT 59404

Zoom Link: Join Meeting

(<https://zoom.us/j/95547441171pwd=3PbYObtyF9W48qZaJeCHd30kQ7AYE0.1>)

9:00 AM - Call to Order

Welcome and Introductions, Led by Chair Brian Aklestad

Agenda Approval

Public Comment

Review and Approval

- October 2025 Meeting Minutes
- **Financials thru October 2025**, Presented by Kari Hahn, Montana Dept of AG
 - Admin Expense Approval, Not to Exceed 8%
 - History of Reverts & Carryover
 - Reminder: Funding Available for Fall Proposals (\$145,450)
- **10:00 AM - Old Business**
 - Vote on Fall Proposals

“Northern Ag Optimizing Planting Dates for Winter Pulse Crops in the Northern Great Plains” Presented by Antinderpal Singh, MSU Northern Ag Research Center

“Assessing Taiwan's Market Potential for Lentils and Their Value-Added Products” Presented by Wan-Yuan Kuo, MSU

“Control Root Rot Disease Complex: Increase the Funding Capacity for NIFA-AFRI Commodity Board Topic” Presented by Tim McGreevey, USA Pulses

- **Grant Funding Timeline/Cycle Discussion**, Brian Aklestad

11:00 AM - New Business

Request for Proposals (RFP)

- Open and Deadline Decision: December 9th, 2025 - March 9th, 2026
- **Great Falls Development Authority Pulse Processing Report**, Presented by Jolene Schalper

12:00 PM Lunch Break Provided by Electric City Catering

1:00 PM - New Business Continued

- **Executive Director Update**, Presented by Liz Edmundson
 - Introduction to MPCC Back Office, Policies, Procedures, and Board Book
 - Leadership Development Matrix Ideas
 - 2026 Ag Labor Summit Sponsorship Update
- **NPGA Convention & Collaboration Meeting**, January 28th, Invite by NPGA
- **USA Pulses Subcommittee Appointments**
- **MPCC Chair & Vice Chair Elections**
- **Board Member Terms**
- **Subcommittee/Event Updates** (Included in packet)

4PM - Upcoming Events, Next Meeting & Adjournment