

# **MONTANA WHEAT AND BARLEY COMMITTEE**

## **Annual Budget Meeting**

**La Quinta Suites**

**Bozeman, Montana**

**January 11-12, 2016**

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

### **DIRECTORS**

Leonard Schock, Chairman  
Mike O'Hara, Vice Chairman  
Randy Hinebauch, Director  
Chris Kolstad, Director

Buzz Mattelin, Director  
Bruce Myllymaki, Director  
Denise Conover, Director

### **EX-OFFICIOS**

Ron de Yong, Director, Montana Department of Agriculture  
Dr. Charles Boyer, Vice President of Agriculture, MSU  
Not Present: Byron Grassman, Manager, Mountain View Coop

### **STAFF**

Collin Watters, Executive Vice President  
Cassidy Marn, Marketing Program Manager  
Steve Becker, Outreach Coordinator  
Kolleen Spurgin, Budget & Grants Coordinator  
Tammy Suek, Administrative Assistant

### **GUESTS**

Cort Jensen, Staff Attorney, Department of Agriculture  
Barry Jacobsen, Dean's Office, MAES  
Kim Falcon, Deputy Director, Department of Agriculture  
Bret Conover, Producer  
Jolene Schalper, VP Business Director, GF Development  
Jeremiah Johnson, VP Business Director, GF Development  
Eric Sommer, State Statistician, USDA/NASS  
Melvin Goffena, Producer

### **Monday, January 11, 2016:**

*Chairman Schock called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.*  
Chairman Schock asked for public comment and heard none.

### **Review of December 1, 2015 Meeting Minutes**

Executive Vice President Collin Watters presented the minutes of the December Interim Board Meeting.

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

### **Financial Review**

Kolleen Spurgin went through the December 2015 financial statement with the board and answered any questions they had.

Director Myllymaki moved and Director Hinebauch seconded the motion to approve the financials. The motion passes unanimously.

### **Montana Department of Agriculture**

Director de Yong talked to the board about the information that is available from Ben Tiller for transportation issues, including the new software "Rail Rate Checker". He let them know that Ben Tiller could work for the committee a third of the time if the proposal was approved.

### **Montana State University Update**

Dr. Boyer discussed the MAES Advisory meeting on February 23 that the committee is invited to attend along with the Varietal Release meeting the day before. The endowed chair is up and running and collecting donations from corporate sponsors. The university will be recruiting for a pulse breeder in the near future. He also let the board know that 30% of the "MT REDI" funding went to MSU College of Agriculture.

### **Endowed Chair Update**

Director Mattelin wanted the committee's input for the endowed chair's advisory meeting being held in a few weeks. The group consists of 6 people 4 of which are producers. The important issues were wheat quality and the desirable traits that make good quality and wheat stem sawfly study.

### **Trade Issues**

Kim Falcon talked about trade issues including Columbia Grain inspections for crossing the border and new trade restrictions for Canada.

Cort Jensen explained the differences between TPP and NAFTA.

### **Wheat Milling Course**

Director Conover, Kolstad and Executive VP Watters attended the wheat milling course in Kansas, they all thought it was a great course and found it very informative. Learning about how the quality of wheat matters when milling and to the end product was very helpful.

### **Executive Vice President's Update**

Collin was asked to speak at the Teton County Farmer's Union meeting in Power, it was a good meeting with lots of questions about the committee. The office will start advertising for a summer intern to help with collecting samples and updating the website. Dr. Boyer suggested we contact the Ag Economics department and maybe offer to pay some tuition. We are getting closer to a new website coming on-line soon.

### **Outreach Coordinator Report**

Steve Becker attended the Seed Dealer Association convention, it was well attended and he made some good contacts.

### **Approval of Staff and Director Travel**

A few items were added to the upcoming travel (see below) for approval.

Director Kolstad moved to accept the new travel schedule with additions and Director Hinebauch seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

### **Upcoming Events**

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| Jan. 14-15     | Wheat Foods Council – Phoenix, AZ                        |
| Jan. 15-16     | Young Ag Couple's Conference - Helena                    |
| Jan. 18        | MLK Day – Office Closed                                  |
| Jan. 20-22     | PNW Wheat Quality Meeting – Phoenix, AZ                  |
| Jan. 25        | Regional Wheat Commission Meeting – Fargo, ND            |
| Jan. 27-29     | MABA/MGEA – Great Falls                                  |
| Feb. 1-3       | National Barley Growers Meeting – Washington DC          |
| Feb. 3         | Hard Spring Wheat Show – Williston, ND                   |
| Feb. 3-6       | US Wheat Meeting – Washington DC                         |
| Feb. 15        | President's Day – Office Closed                          |
| Feb. 15-17     | US Grains Council Annual Meeting – Sarasota, FL          |
| Feb. 16-18     | Wheat Quality Annual Meeting – Kansas City, MO           |
| Feb. 23-23     | MSU – Varietal Release and MAES Meeting - Bozeman        |
| Feb. 23-25     | MRRIC – Kansas City, MO                                  |
| Mar. 3-5       | Commodity Classic – New Orleans, LA                      |
| Mar. 6-9       | National Barley Improvement Committee – Washington DC    |
| Mar. 13-15     | National Pasta Association – Naples, FL                  |
| Mar. 17-18     | Wheat Marketing Center Board Meeting – Portland, OR      |
| Mar. 29-Apr. 1 | Producer Tour – Portland                                 |
| Apr. 9-15      | USWA 60 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary event – Japan & Taiwan |

### **Board Assignments**

The board went over the assignments and reviewed the change for the MSU positions. Director Myllymaki will serve as the MAES Advisory Council and Varietal Release

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Committee representative for the committee and Director Hinebauch will be the alternate.

### **Great Falls Development presentation**

There was a short presentation about the Great Falls Development and some of their plans for the Great Falls area involving agriculture.

### **Phil Bruckner**

Phil talked about his breeding program and some of his successes and challenges.

### **Jamie Sherman**

Jamie updated the board on her program and her new barley quality lab she is putting together.

### **Budgeting**

### **Program Manager Report**

Cassidy Marn talked about her trip to Mexico for the Tri National Accord conference. She found it very informative and had some good discussions on Montana trade between both Canada and Mexico.

### **Budgeting**

*Chairman Schock adjourned the meeting at 6:00 pm.*

### **Tuesday, January 12, 2016**

*Chairman Schock called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m. He called for public comment and heard none.*

### **Luther Talbert**

Luther talked about his breeding program.

### **David Weaver**

David discussed his work with Wheat Stem Sawfly and the progress he is making.

### **Budgeting**

Started going over the research proposals and called Roberts Stougaard and Jessica Torrior for more information about their projects.

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Dr. Boyer offered to check into the scholarships the committee sponsors and provide more information at the next board meeting.

Director Mattelin made a motion to approve a budget of \$2,546,264 and Director Kolstad seconded it. The motion passed unanimously.

### **New Business**

The dates were set for the next board meetings March 24<sup>th</sup> in Great Falls and June 28<sup>th</sup> in conjunction with the Huntley Research Station field days.

Chairman Schock requested that the directors put two days on their expense reports to cover the reading of the proposals.

*Chairman Schock called for public comment and heard none.*

*Chairman Schock adjourned the meeting at 5:00 p.m.*

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Collin Watters, Executive Vice President

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